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Religious readings permitted in class

Ont. alters school regulations

By
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TORONTO —

The Ontario government's announcement last week permitting multi-group religious readings in public schools has been greeted with a mixture of cautious approval and concern over its implementation by major Jewish organizations.

Canadian Jewish Congress spokesman Manuel Prutschi called it "a positive step forward from previous regulations," adding "it is still somewhat

of a retreat from the Ontario Court of Appeal ruling, which in our view ruled out both prayers and readings."

B'nai B'rith Canada's League for Human Rights said it "appreciates the efforts of the minister of education to improve the situation of members of minority religions in the public schools," but added its "concern" that local school boards might disregard the intent of the regulations.

The two organizations were responding to an announcement by Education

Minister Chris Ward outlining opening exercises in Ontario public schools. Last October, the Ontario Court of Appeal ruled unconstitutional public school religious exercises, leaving Ontario school boards unclear as to what opening exercises were permitted.

Ward said recently implemented regulations now call for singing the national anthem, with the option of including God Save the Queen.

"The inclusion of any content beyond 'O Canada' will be optional for each public school board," he said, and may include a moment of silence "and/or one or more readings that impart social, moral or spiritual values, and that are representative of our multicultural society."

"Such readings may be chosen from both scriptural writings, such as the Bible, the Qu'ran, the Torah and many others, and secular writings."

Ward said the Lord's Prayer may be included among the readings, however he added "readings from any one religion may not be used exclusively, or be given a position of primacy."

Referring to the "local option" given each school board, the League said "the lack of uniform, explicit standards and readings makes policing of compliance extremely difficult. The minister's prohibition of 'collective recitation' does not make it clear enough that it is praying which is prohibited."

League cabinet officer Simon Adler said the minister, by fostering inspirational readings, is opening the door to abuse by individual boards.

Prutschi, national executive director of Congress's joint community relations committee, said "we are nervous about the retention of readings as an option."

"School boards most likely to choose this option are those where the majority Christian faith predominates in the student population and certain of these boards have shown less sensitivity" to the concerns of minorities.

He said much depends on individual teachers, some of whom may be inclined to use the occasion of readings (where either the teacher or a volunteer student reads to the pas-

sive group of students) to proselytize or promote a particular doctrine or turn readings into prayers (where the entire student group must recite the religious statement).

Prutschi said Congress is suggesting establishment of a watchdog/complaint mechanism to oversee how the regulations are carried out and serve as a focus for complaints to those who claim they are being abused.

Responding to the minister's announcement establishing an inquiry into religious education (where the substance of religion is taught in two half-hour classes each week), Prutschi said Congress is concerned that in the year before the inquiry reports, instruction in a particular religion will remain in effect.

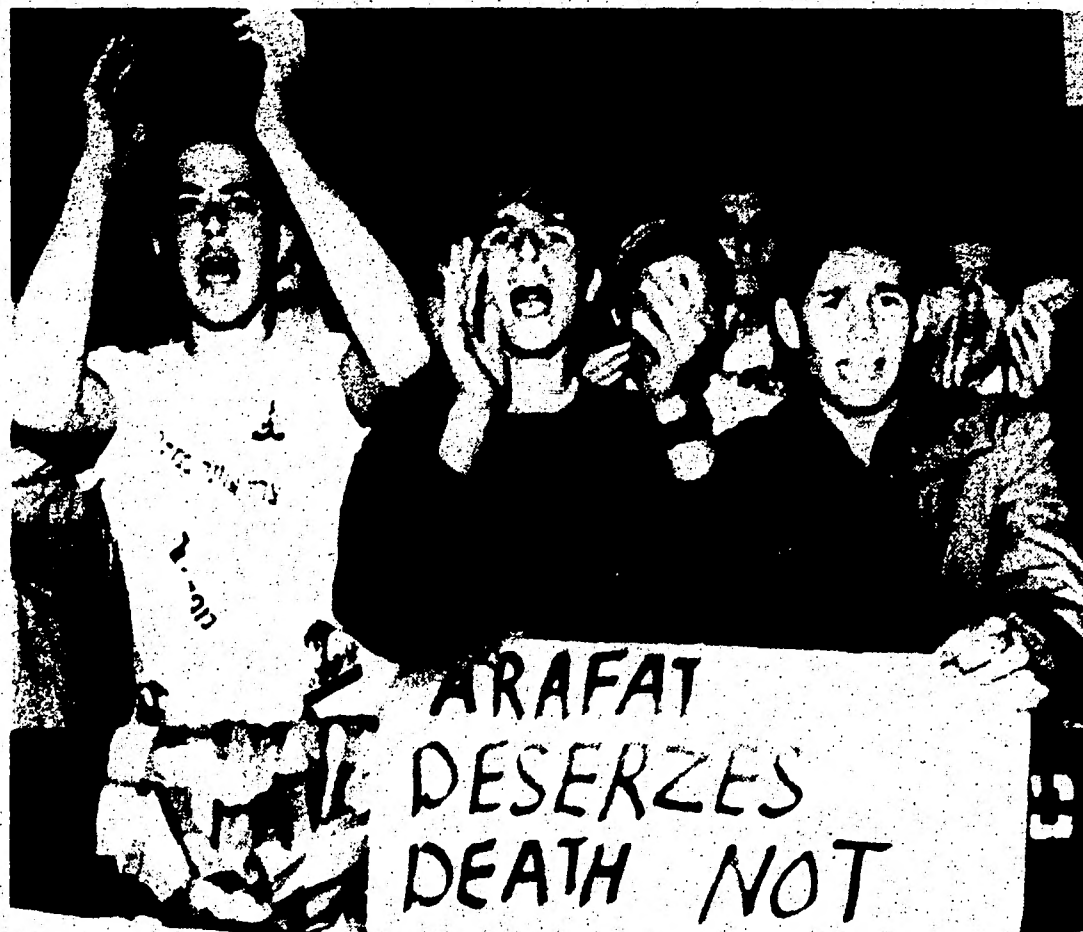
That regulation should have been repealed, he said. We now have class instruction on a particular religion and it tends to be the Christian faith, he noted.

That violates Charter of Rights guarantees of freedom of religion and freedom of conscience, he argued, noting Congress will be seeking leave to intervene in a court challenge to the constitutionality of the regulation brought by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association against the Elgin County school board.

Congress, he said, is interested in finding a way to teach about world religions in a sensitive, neutral and non-promotional way and "we hope that's what the inquiry will come up with."

In announcing the inquiry, Ward said "this government believes there is an important role for religious education in the public elementary schools," adding "opinions differ on what should be contained in an appropriate policy on religious education."

A League for Human Rights policy paper affirms its opposition to "religious indoctrination in any form, whether in the form of specific classes or through the selection of opening exercise readings... There is no place for any course of studies in relation to religion within the public school system except academic, non-judgmental, non-sectarian and non-proselytizing comparative studies of world religions," the policy paper says.



Israeli students gathered recently in front of the U.S. consulate in Jerusalem to voice their anger at the United States for agreeing to talk to the PLO. [RNS photo]

Amicable settlement sought on Taba issue

By
JTA & JPFS

JERUSALEM —

Israel is seeking a swift, amicable agreement with Egypt to settle outstanding issues over Taba, the strip of beach on the Red Sea awarded to Egypt by international arbitration last year.

The inner cabinet met last week to map strategy for the final talks between the two countries on the matter.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Moshe Arens are clearly reconciled to the arbitration decision and hope that its full implementation will improve relations with Egypt and the political climate generally.

Israel in fact seems to be enjoying a rare — and possibly short-lived — period of goodwill on the international scene.

Arens, who just completed an intensive round of diplomatic talks in Paris, found a readiness among European diplomats attending an international conference there to reserve criticism of Israel and hear him out.

That was coupled with firmly articulated expectations of new ideas from Israel to match the Palestinian Liberation Organization's perceived new moderation.

Arens, for his part, urged the world community to give Israel time to formulate its peace ideas, without pressure and without taking sides.

Shamir and his aides,

meanwhile, are fostering an image of moderation.

The Prime Minister and his Likud coalition have been adamantly opposed to the idea of an international peace conference under UN auspices, which is favored by the Labor Party and by many of Israel's friends and allies abroad.

Now Shamir is saying the framework of peace talks does not really matter.

Shamir, who plans to visit France next month, told a group of visiting members of the European Parliament that big power or UN auspices were pos-

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Netanyahu: Spurn PLO

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Binyamin Netanyahu has invited Jewish federation leaders around the country to join him in spurning the U.S. decision to talk to the Palestine Liberation Organization. (See related stories on PLO on page 6).

Israel's deputy foreign minister and former ambassador to the United Nations said the United States should recognize recent statements by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat as a repudiation of his new anti-terrorism stand, and suspend the recently opened talks.

"Arafat just threatened Bethlehem's Mayor Elias Freij," Netanyahu said. "He said if the mayor tried to stop the intifada, he would end up stopping a bullet."

Netanyahu spoke over a closed-circuit TV broadcast carried to federation offices in 10 cities on the Council of Jewish Federations Satel-



Binyamin Netanyahu

lite Network.

The Likud hardliner said the PLO's intention remains the destruction of Israel.

"Israel is under siege to accept the unacceptable, to allow a PLO state in the very heartland of the Jewish state," he said. "We want to change the status quo, to end the violence and improve the lives of the

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Controversy gets defused

JERUSALEM —

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir last week laid to rest concerns about possible changes in the Law of Return, telling a visiting Jewish delegation that "the time is not ripe" now for dealing with this issue.

A well-placed source in the delegation said its main message to the Prime Minister had been that any peace proposal which he plans to formulate must be substantial — "and not just cosmetic."

Responding to the delegation's expressed concern on the Who is a Jew controversy, Shamir said: "We are facing many problems [now] which enjoy a higher priority, including political and diplomatic problems."



Yitzhak Shamir

"It is crucial that world Jewry remain united behind the government in Israel," Shamir added. "The establishment of a broad-based government has already yielded tangible results which can be felt in the changed attitude of countries around the world, which speaks in a strong and united voice."

Shabbat services set for inauguration

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

Shabbat services will be conducted at two Washington synagogues for the inauguration this week of George Bush as President, the first time Jewish services have been part of the official inaugural program.

The services will take place on Jan. 21 — the day after Bush and Vice-President-elect Dan Quayle are inaugurated — at Washington's Conservative Adas Israel Congregation and Orthodox Beth Shalom Congregation.

As of last week, no decision had been made on which rabbi would offer a prayer at the swearing-in ceremony of Bush and Quayle, said Howard Mortman, director of the 1989 Jewish Inaugural Advisory Committee. He said several rabbis were being considered.

Max Fisher, of Detroit, is the honorary chairman of the 84-member advisory committee, and Gordon Zacks, of Columbus, Ohio, is the national chairman.

World-National

Mideast fights seen as top danger

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I have just seen the results of a survey published by the CIIPS, the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security. Conducted originally during the winter of 1987/88, cooperating survey teams asked people in Canada, West Germany and the United Kingdom a series of questions about the state of world peace and security.

The results are of considerable interest, because they reveal how Canadians see the world and its dangers, and how their perceptions compare to those in two other countries.

One aspect especially caught my attention. The question at issue was: "Which of the following situations do you think poses the greatest threat to world peace?"

The choices given were:

- Soviet actions on the international scene?
- The superpowers' arms race?
- The Middle East situation?
- United States actions on the international scene?
- The spread of nuclear arms to smaller countries?
- Conflicts elsewhere in the world?

Before turning to the outcome of the survey one should remember that, at the time the questions were asked, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's 1988 spectacular international moves had not yet resulted in the arms agreement with the U.S., nor had American involvement in the Persian-Gulf reached its full extent.

Soviets no threat

With minor variations, there was a startling similarity in the response among the three nations surveyed:

The Soviet Union was seen as practically no threat at all, while the United States was considered a much more serious threat, most so in Germany, followed by Canada and the UK, in that order. The old fear, especially in Europe, of a Soviet attack on the West has practically disappeared.

The three major threats perceived were first, the Middle East situation; second, nuclear proliferation; and third, the arms race. The latter two leave a significant trail of anxiety: one in four persons considers a nuclear war as likely or even very likely. At the same time six out of 10 people believe that such a war would probably be triggered by accident rather than intent; but there is a significant minority (40%) who think that a smaller nation will set off the conflagration, and do so intentionally.

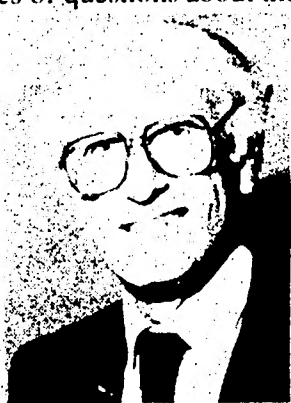
Balance of terror

Despite the fact that the surveyed countries are allies of the U.S., they don't want the U.S. to be the world's predominant military power. They would rather have the Soviet Union and America possess equal strength. They obviously prefer a balance of terror to a single nation's predominance, even if that nation is their ally and protector.

The leading place given to the dangers in the Middle East is not really a surprise. The media have kept the issues in the forefront of everyone's consciousness, and especially has the Arab-Israeli conflict dominated the headlines for years. Also, it is worth noting that the survey was conducted when the Palestinian uprising was in its first few months, during which it commanded prime attention in the media. Still, I would think that even today the result would not be much different.

What does this all mean for Israel? First and foremost, that most Canadians consider the Israeli-Arab confrontation as a major threat to themselves. They are therefore likely to support any action by the Canadian government which will put pressure on both parties to come to some agreement.

Apparently, the days when events beyond the water were of little interest to Canadians are past. And that is why, among other reasons, Israel continues to be prime interest to them.



Rabbi Plaut

Ministers agree to "normalize" ties Soviet-Israeli relations hopeful

By
DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Foreign Minister Moshe Arens' meeting with his Soviet counterpart, Eduard Shevardnadze, in Paris on Jan. 8 has raised hopeful speculation in government circles here about the future of Soviet-Israeli relations.

Arens is known to have made a very favorable report of his talks with Shevardnadze.

The two agreed to "normalize" relations and improve the working conditions of their respective consular missions (CJN Jan. 12).

This has been taken to mean that the Israeli embassy building in Moscow, vacant for the past 21 years, will be restored and that the consular missions' severely limited activities will be expanded.

The Israeli consular delegation has been in Moscow since late July. A similar Soviet delegation set up shop near Tel Aviv in July 1987.

Israel hopes "normalization" will mean a role for these diplomats in developing a political dialogue between the two countries. The Soviets have insisted until now that the two missions stick to low-level, routine consular business.

The restoration of the Israel embassy, should it occur, would be of great practical as well as symbolic value.

The Israeli mission has been working out of hotel rooms since arriving in Moscow. Its deputy head, Yisrael Mei-Ami, told an interviewer that visitors must wait in the corridor "in the cold, sometimes for hours on end."

The Jerusalem Post reported last week that Soviet workmen were seen restoring electric power to the ground floor of the embassy building. The report contributed to hopes that the building will soon revert to its original functions.

Shevardnadze did not say so specifically, but hinted strongly that allowing the embassy to reopen would be an aspect of "normalization."

When asked by reporters in Paris if the Israeli embassy would be restored, the foreign minister responded that "normal conditions" include that also. We've found common ground on that question.

diplomat in the Israeli foreign service. He formerly headed the foreign ministry's research section and is fluent in Russian.

If present hopes materialize, he could eventually be Israel's first ambassador to the USSR since Moscow broke diplomatic ties with Jerusalem after the 1967 Six Day War.

While every Soviet diplomatic move is carefully calculated and reflects long-term policy decisions, two unexpected events in recent months resulted in an apparently genuine warming toward Israel by Moscow.

Shevardnadze, in his talks with Arens, went

out of his way to thank "the Israeli people" for its aid to the victims of the Armenian earthquake last month. And he also praised the prompt return of a hijacked Soviet aircraft that landed at Ben-Gurion Airport on Dec. 2.

Arens reportedly assured the Soviet foreign minister that Israel is preparing a new peace plan for the Middle East, which would "take account of the changing circumstances" in the region.

He was responding to Shevardnadze's positive depiction of the Palestine Liberation Organization as moderate. But he made it

clear that Israel does not share that view of the PLO.

Arens meets with diplomats

Arens, in Paris for an international conference on banning chemical warfare weapons, has met with ranking diplomats of many countries. He has spoken to each of them of a new Is-

raeli peace plan to be unveiled shortly.

Arens also met with Foreign Minister Qian Qichen of the People's Republic of China.

While it was described as cordial, it produced few concrete results. Both sides failed to agree on the role the PLO should play in the search for a Middle East peace settlement. Israel and China are, in fact, a world apart in their attitudes toward the PLO.

Nevertheless, Qian and Arens agreed, at Qian's suggestion, to remain in contact through their respective missions to the United Nations.

Happiness a victim of a hostile takeover

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

BOSTON —

Okay, for one brief moment of hats and horns, you wished everybody around you a Happy New Year. But then what happens? By morning, you turned to the nitty-gritty of resolutions. A war against gluttony and sloth and the social disease of smoking. Happiness never made the cut.

Happy New Year has become one of those meaningless generic greetings, the annual equivalent of a daily injunction to niceness, as in "Have a nice day." We know what's happened to niceness in the 80's? What is happening to happiness?

A sentiment like "Don't Worry, Be Happy" may make it to the top of the charts, but only because it's such a novel idea. As a goal, it never even makes the New Year's resolution list.

Once upon a time, the pursuit of happiness was a legitimate, even an admired, American ideal. No less solid a citizen than John Hancock signed on to happiness. Now a person who admits to this pursuit simply isn't regarded as serious.

You can't put the goal of happiness at the top of a 5-year plan. You can't work it out on your Lotus 1-2-3 spreadsheet. Decent people don't even talk about it in public.

"What are you doing this year?"

"I'm pursuing happiness."

"Right, pal. Take a urine test. Get a job."

For the past eight years, our President has been a veritable role model of cheer. Good fellowship in the morning, naps in the afternoon. Yet under this rosy aura, we got eight years of accelerated asceticism. Hollywood may have taken over the White House, but the Puritans got the ethic. What is the future for happiness, not to mention its sidekick, fun, when a real Puritan takes charge on Jan. 20?

Happiness as a legitimate preoccupation is a victim of a hostile takeover by two quintessentially American pursuits: fitness and competitiveness. This duo proved to be both leaner and meaner, more able to adapt to the environment of the 80s and poised to take off in the 90s.

The quest for the elusive fitness burned the last traces of hedonism out of the body of public opin-

ion the way exercise burns off fat. Our bodies are no longer something to enjoy but something to maintain.

The pleasure criteria — how does this feel, taste, smell — have been replaced by the health criteria. The old question — "Was it good for you?" — is heard in a wholly new context.

If we are what we are supposed to eat, we are very serious indeed. We eat fibre to avoid cancer and oat bran to reduce cholesterol. And if you think there isn't a moral judgment in the new nutrition read the ad of the 80s: "Quaker Oats. It's the Right Thing to Do."

As for exercise, uptight is no longer a personality flaw. It's everybody's toning goal. The only sensuality praised under the Puritan ethic is the sweaty pleasure of a good workout. The only high permitted is aerobic.

In the 80s, the afterglow comes from running, not sex. Sex itself is either to be avoided because it's dangerous or engaged in because it's healthy. Anybody who does it for fun — on a week night yet! — is admitting that they aren't giving their all at the office.

Which brings us to competitiveness. If you think it's heavy lifting at the gym, try life down at the corporation. In the early 80s, status was a power lunch downtown; in the late 80s, it's takeout at your desk. Once people confessed to being workaholics, now they brag about it. The old goal of a 4-day week has been replaced by boasts about a 7-day week.

One business is in competition with another, we are all in combat with the Japanese, and with great effort may yet make our lives as dronish as theirs. Hold the vacation.

Under this rising star of competitiveness, being tired is a badge of loyalty. Stress is regarded as a company virtue. Even Self, a magazine once devoted to narcissism, just announced that the neurosis of the 90s is "compulsion."

The problem is that happiness isn't productive. Happiness isn't aerobic. Happiness isn't driven. Happiness is about as hard-edged as a warm puppy.

So here we are in 1989, valuing our grimmest pursuits more than happiness. It's the very last year of the decade. Are we having fun yet?

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Moves carefully calculated

Haaretz said that if the level of the diplomatic missions is raised, Aryeh Levin, who headed the Israeli mission in Moscow, would return there.

Levin, who has been on home leave, is a senior

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To be launched Jan. 26

Queen's University gets Chair in Jewish Studies

By
BEN ROSE

KINGSTON, Ont. — *In seeking knowledge, the first step is silence, the second listening, the third remembering, the fourth practicing, and the fifth — teaching others.*

This aphorism by the 11th century poet and philosopher Ibn Gabirol (Solomon ben Judah) introduced the successful proposal for a Chair in Jewish Studies at Queen's University, one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in Canada.

Queen's is assuming half the costs of a scholar to head up the program, while a campaign to raise \$1 million to pay the rest of that expense and ancillary features of a Jewish Studies Program, including \$100,000 for books for the Queen's library, is being launched officially Jan. 26 at the university.

The Chair in Jewish Studies is intended to enrich the educational

resources available to every program in the university and to provide a bridge between the faculties of arts and science, law, medicine and business.

McGill University, Montreal, is the only other university in Canada with a chair in Jewish Studies. A proposal to set one up at the University of Toronto is under consideration.

Gini Rosen and her husband, Irving R. Rosen, of Kingston, are leading figures in this development. Mrs. Rosen, along with Philip Goldman, a professor in the departments of law and political science, are co-chairmen of the program's advisory committee, while her husband heads the fund raising campaign.

The Rosens have donated \$50,000 to Queen's to finance a regular program of visiting lecturers and occasional symposia or conferences in Jewish studies.

The initiative to establish the chair came several years ago from Dr. Clifford



Gini Rosen and Irving R. Rosen of Kingston, Ont. She heads up committee to establish Chair in Jewish Studies at Queen's University. He heads up campaign for funds.

Hospital, head of the religion department. The chair will be part of the faculty of arts and science.

Though the program will be in the religion studies department, emphasis will be on having it cross depart-

mental lines.

"Queen's has been extraordinarily supportive and generous in the entire project," said Rosen. "On his own initiative, Dr. David Smith, principal and vice-chancellor of Queen's, invited Dr. David Weiss, an Israeli immunologist of world renown, to give a public lecture at Queen's."

The advisory committee is a 30-member body composed of Jewish and non-Jewish faculty members and Jewish and non-Jewish residents of the Kingston area, many with a broad interest in Jewish studies — for example, Lorne Hale, of Arden, who studied under Prof. Emil Fackenheim in Toronto.

It is the energy generat-

ed in this group that carried the idea forward to reality, says Mrs. Rosen. Another important factor, she says, is the cohesiveness of the Kingston Jewish community which sees the Queen's program as an opportunity to contribute something to the university with benefits well beyond Queen's and Kingston. It is a community that has 45 Orthodox families, 25 Reform families and 50-75 unaffiliated couples.

Though it is one of Ontario's smaller universities, (12,200 full-time students) Queen's takes a back seat to none in its role in Canadian history. It was one of two universities granted a charter by Queen Victoria in 1841, the other being the University of Belfast.

Among its famous graduates are Roland Michener, the former Governor-General of Canada and the late John Deutsch, former principal who was later chairman of the Economic Council of Canada. Deutsch was one of many Queen's faculty and alumni who have served with distinction in the public service of Canada.

The Jewish Studies project fills a need in the 43 university departments

offering MA and 28 offering PhD programs, according to Dick Bowman, director of public relations. "This is a great idea... it will particularly benefit the programs in the social sciences, humanities and languages."

Prof. Goldman says the program will enable the wider community to better understand "the living and vital tradition of Judaism, its relationship to Christianity and its role in the development of Western civilization."

As well, he said, it should reveal the diverse and continuing development of Jewish faith, thought and ethics and explicate the critical role of Jews and Judaism in ancient and modern society.

Other goals, he said, are to investigate the contemporary condition of Jews and Judaism, to analyze the Jewish contribution to law and to social and political thought and to promote appreciation of Jewish traditions in and contributions to literature, art and music.

Gini and Irving Rosen say they'll welcome any inquiries about the project. Their address is 42 Copperfield Dr., Kingston, Ont., K7M 1M4; phone (613) 544-9347.

Number of older Jews up in Winnipeg

Shul to build seniors' home

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

The growing number of Jewish seniors in Winnipeg (an estimated 30% of the population) has led to a boom in synagogue-sponsored seniors highrises here in recent years.

Recently, the Rosh Pina, North Winnipeg's largest Conservative congregation, received approval in principle from city council to build a 5-storey residence beside the synagogue.

If the Rosh Pina goes ahead with the project, it will be the fourth of Winnipeg's 11 synagogues to do so.

The first shul to see the need was the Beth Israel in the early 1970s. "We were planning to build a new shul and hall to replace our old building on Selkirk Ave.," said Mike Bedder, the president at that time.

"Our architect, Lou



The Bnay Abraham Synagogue's Beit Am seniors residence in Winnipeg.

Plotkin, convinced us of the need for homes for Jewish seniors. Over a cup of coffee at Kelekis, he told us of the number of poor older Jews having to live in non-Jewish seniors homes."

As a result, the Beth Is-

rael built a home first, then the shul.

"Due to finances, both the home and shul turned out smaller than we would have liked," said Bedder, "but both have worked out well. We involved a lot of people in the community and Jewish organizations, drank a lot of tea and had a lot of cookies. It was beautiful."

The resulting HSBA Gardens is a 3-storey building with 50 units. Next door to the shul, it is wheelchair accessible and relatively close to the Garden City Shopping Centre.

"It's non-sectarian," he said, "but all the residents are Jewish and we always have a waiting list."

The Bnay Abraham Synagogue erected its 65-unit Beit Am in 1985. "The board of directors felt we should do something for the community," said Mendel Rosenfeld, the shul's executive director. "We had land next door so we decided to build."

The Bnay Abraham had applied to the federal government for funding. When it became available, the project went ahead.

"We have been filled up since Day 1," said Rosenfeld, "and there is a long waiting list. We only have four or five vacancies a year."

The first high rise for Jewish seniors in South Winnipeg was opened by Temple Shalom, Winnipeg's only Reform congregation, in mid-December. The 7-floor building was built with some government funding and is attached to the congregation's new synagogue building.

Both Beit Am and the Shalom Gardens are within easy walking distance of shopping malls and are on bus routes ideal for active seniors. "We are not putting up care facilities," said Rosenfeld.

"The demand for more seniors housing is still strong even if the Rosh Pina builds in a year or two," said Rosenfeld.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. What day is marked in Israel by ceremonial planting of trees by school children?
2. How do Ashkenazim mark this day?
3. How do Oriental Jews observe Tu B'Shevat?

ANSWERS:

1. Tu B'Shevat (15th of the Hebrew month of Shevat) or New Year for Trees.
2. By eating fruit from the Holy Land.
3. By eating 15 different fruits accompanied by appropriate readings from the Bible, Talmud and Zohar.

These questions and answers came from the book *6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People* by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, published by JESL Educational Products.



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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Can you help me understand a "supposed" Talmudic edict, in the Jerusalem Talmud, stating that "when you come to meet your Maker, you will be asked to make account of all those pleasures on earth, which you had an opportunity to participate in — and for which you didn't?"

Avrum Morrow, Montreal

ANSWER: Your quotation is a jazzed up version of a one liner at the end of Tractate Kiddushin in the Jerusalem Talmud, saying: "In the future, man will have to give an account and reckoning for all that his eyes saw and didn't eat."

JT Kiddushin, 48b.

The Pnei Moshe gives two explanations for this statement. The first is that by the denial of a kosher desire, you hurt your body. The second explanation, and I feel that the commentary favors it, is that man is guilty of a failure to appreciate all that Hashem has made available to him in our world. Man should taste the fruit, if for no other reason than to say the appropriate benediction thanking Hashem.

The last line in the Tractate appears to understand the future reckoning just on these lines: "Rabbi Eliezer took this doctrine seriously, and saved his pennies, and spent them eating each variety (of fruit) at least once a year." He did this to give thanks to his Maker for all His kindness to man.

In the Sefer 'Aled Tamar, an award winning volume on Seder Zera'im, in his commentary on Yerushalmi Berachos, Chapter 4:2, page 150, the sage cites a variant reading on Aboth de Rabbi Nathan, Chapter 21: "Just as it is forbidden to eat that which is 'assur, so it is a mitzvah to eat that which is mutar."

Rav Tamar shlita feels that all such statements are based on the words that Hashem spoke to Adam: "Of all the trees in the garden, thou mayest freely eat . . ."

But, not all our sages are so ready to have you taste everything that is permitted. There is a current of asceticism in Talmudic literature. In Leviticus, Chapter 19:2, Moshe is told to "Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: Ye shall be holy . . ." Rashi and the Ramban disagreed as to the content of this holiness.

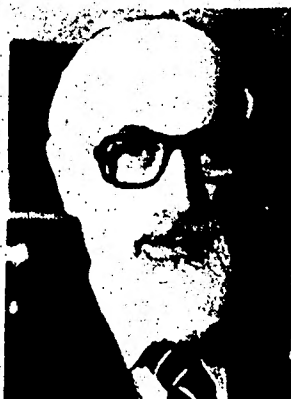
Rashi gives it this meaning: "Abstain from the forbidden sexual acts (mentioned in the preceding chapter, Leviticus 18)." Nachmanides, the Ramban, basing himself on the words of the Torah Kohanim states that it is an order to "be self restraining" in all our appetites.

Says the Ramban, "And in my opinion, this abstinence does not refer only to restraint from acts of immorality as the Rabbi [Rashi] wrote, but it is rather the self-control mentioned throughout the Talmud, which confers upon those who practice it the name of P'rushim (Pharisees).

The meaning thereof is as follows: The Torah has admonished us against immorality and forbidden foods, but permitted sexual intercourse between man and his wife, and the eating of (kosher) meat and wine. If so, a man of desire could consider this to be a permission to be passionately addicted to sexual intercourse with his wife . . . and be so.

"Among winebibbers, among gluttonous eaters of flesh (Proverbs, 23:20) . . . and thus become a sordid person within the permissible realm of the Torah! Therefore, after having listed the matters which Hashem prohibited altogether, Scripture followed them up by a general command that we practice moderation even in matters which are permitted."

That being so, we had the Ostrower Tzaddik z.l. who fasted all week long, including the Sabbath. He needed no food. His vision of God satiated him.



Rabbi Burak

Court rejects Finta application

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

An Ontario Supreme Court justice last week turned down an application by accused war criminal Imre Finta to have Canada's war crimes legislation ruled unconstitutional, paving the way for the gathering of evidence abroad as early as late January.

However defence lawyer Doug Christie, citing fear for his personal safety, told reporters he may not accompany the prosecution team when it travels to Israel later this month or to Hungary in mid-March.

Justice department prosecutor Christopher Amerasinghe declined to comment on Christie's concerns, or on the Victoria lawyer's claims the federal government has refused to assure his safety while abroad.

He said prosecutors planned to question seven

witnesses in Israel and 22 in Hungary. According to agreements reached between Canada and the two countries (as well as with a number of other states), the testimony will be gathered in conformity with Canadian evidentiary standards and will be videotaped. It will be admissible as evidence in Finta's trial.

Finta, 77, is the first person charged under Canada's 2-year-old war crimes legislation. The indictment alleges that in 1944, as a captain in the Hungarian police, he helped load Jews on board trains bound for death camps. He is charged with forcible confinement, kidnapping and manslaughter in connection with the deaths of an unspecified number of Jews.

Christie brought the court motion in an attempt to have the law declared unconstitutional for violating "numerous sections"

of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

If the law is invalid, he argued, there would be no need to go to the expense of a lengthy evidence-gathering commission in Israel and Hungary.

However, Justice Frank Callaghan dismissed Christie's arguments, saying "a constitutional challenge of legislation in Ontario should not be launched bereft of any factual underpinnings."

He accepted Amerasinghe's position that there are a number of complex factual issues that must be examined by the court before determining the constitutionality of the legislation, such as Canada's treaty obligations, the state of international law and of Hungary's law at the time the alleged crimes were committed and whether Canada was in "armed conflict" with Hungary at the time.

"That evidence will have to be put forward . . . during the course of the prosecution," Callaghan said.

The justice also noted that, balancing all the factors in the case and considering that interim motions such as this one sometimes prolong procedures, and not speed them up as Christie suggested, he would not at this time consider the constitutionality of the legislation.

That would be up to the trial judge, he noted.

Later, following a meeting with Christie and Callaghan in judge's chambers, Amerasinghe told The CJN that a trial date was set for June 5. At that time, the constitutionality question will likely be discussed, he said.

With Christie suggesting the procedure could take two weeks, Christie and Amerasinghe agreed that if that were the case, the court could adjourn for the summer and reconvene in

September to complete the trial.

Meanwhile, the evidence-gathering commission is preparing to depart for Israel on Jan. 30 for an unspecified length of time.

Outside the courtroom, Christie told reporters the Crown has declined to take responsibility for his safety while in Israel.

Flashing a letter he said was from Amerasinghe, Christie said the justice department lawyer dismissed his suggestions that one of convicted war criminal Ivan Demjanjuk's lawyers, Dov Eitan, "died in mysterious circumstances."

Israeli authorities, said Eitan, who did not participate in the year-long trial, apparently committed suicide just before Demjanjuk's appeal was to begin in December. Demjanjuk was convicted of being Ivan the Terrible, the sadistic Treblinka guard who ran the gas-producing machinery which was used to murder 800,000 Jews.

One of Demjanjuk's trial lawyers, Yoram Sheftel, had acid thrown in his face at Eitan's burial by a 70-year-old Treblinka survivor.

Citing those events, Christie said "I don't need to know more than that to be concerned for (my) safety."

Christie said he would not travel to Israel unless his client, Finta, asked him to. He suggested Finta may not be represented in the evidence-gathering procedure and couldn't afford to hire another lawyer to be there.

Finta will not accompany the commission to Israel, Christie said, though he may go to Hungary.

Since the witnesses will not be available for questioning in Canada, participating in the procedure is the only opportunity for the defence to cross-examine them on their testimony.

Videotapes of their testimony will afterwards be played in court during the trial and will likely be a prime component of the prosecution's case.

Recommends \$3 billion assistance

Reagan budget aids Israel

WASHINGTON(JTA) —

President Reagan, in submitting his last budget to Congress last week, recommended that Israel continue to receive \$3 billion in foreign aid.

Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead, at a briefing on the foreign aid requests for the 1990 fiscal year, ruled out a proposal to cut Israel's economic aid for the current fiscal year by 2%, which could have cost the Jewish state \$36 million of its \$1.2 billion in economic support funds.

In addition, Israel has been concerned about seeing its economic aid in 1990 cut by around \$100 million, as part of a formula to give the state department more discretion in its foreign aid budget. Currently, Congress earmarks funds to specific countries, including Israel and Egypt.

Under the Reagan bud-

get, Egypt is designated to receive the \$2.3 billion in aid that it has been receiving in recent years.

In overall terms, Israel did not want to see any major cuts in foreign assistance to other countries, which would create greater resentment at Israel's share. The 1990 budget request is for \$19.4 billion for international affairs, \$14.8 billion of which would go for foreign aid.

No country was eliminated from this year's foreign affairs budget.

The most recent budgets, for the 1988 and 1989 fiscal years, had \$18.1 billion designated for international affairs, including \$14.3 billion for foreign aid.

Despite the welcome news for supporters of Israel, its \$3 billion in grants could be cut at any later step in the annual budget cycle. Congress

has until Oct. 1, when the 1990 fiscal year begins, to act on the White House budget request.

A portion of the budget that gained enhanced interest last year was the allocation for refugee resettlement, which affects Soviet Jews who want to enter the United States.

The 1990 budget request is for \$380,000 for refugee assistance, including \$10,000 for emergency situations. By comparison, the United States estimates that it will spend \$361,950 this year to resettle refugees, with an additional \$50,000 available for emergencies.

The state department estimates that 22,500 refugees will be admitted from Eastern Europe in 1990, compared to the 28,239 whom it admitted in the 1988 fiscal year. In this fiscal year, it estimates admit-

ting 22,500 refugees from those countries.

As of Jan. 1, 270 Soviet Jewish emigrants had been denied refugee status on the grounds that they could not prove a "well-founded fear of persecution."

While previously Soviet Jews had been automatically granted refugee status, the more difficult standard for admitting refugees was applied to weed out applicants to meet the budget crunch.

Some 4,000 Jews are in Rome waiting to be processed, said Jennifer Kane, spokeswoman for the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews.

But to expedite the situation, Attorney-General Richard Thornburgh announced that an additional 2,000 Soviet emigres a month would be allowed to enter the United States.

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World-National

Nazi collaborator lied about wartime activities, prosecutors say

Luitjens shot German deserter, court is told

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VANCOUVER —

The ongoing denaturalization hearing of convicted Nazi collaborator Jacob Luitjens last week heard dramatic testimony that Luitjens shot a surrendering German army deserter and was an active member of the Landwacht, the pro-Nazi Dutch group which found and turned Jews over to the Nazis.

The hearing was also told by prosecutor Arnold Fradkin that Luitjens lied about his wartime activities when he immigrated to Canada, when he did not reveal his membership in the Landwacht or his post-war conviction by a Dutch court for collaborating with the Nazis.

As court adjourned until March, when the defence will present its case, Luitjens' lawyer indicated the retired botany professor will testify in his own behalf. Luitjens has so far declined even to attend the hearing.

"If there is a glimmer of hope in this case I have to call him," said lawyer John Campbell, who expressed concern about his client's health. "He's not healthy and the bad publicity from the trial gnaws at him."

Luitjens was among more than 100,000 political prisoners arrested after the war in the Netherlands. After he escaped in 1946 or early 1947, he made his way to Paraguay.

In 1948, a Dutch court convicted him in absentia for collaborating with the Nazis and sentenced him to life in prison.

Luitjens immigrated to Canada from Paraguay in 1961 and later obtained citizenship. Prosecutors from the federal justice department's war crimes unit allege Luitjens lied about his wartime activities and would not have been admitted to the country had he told the truth.

The federal prosecutors are seeking to strip Luitjens of his citizenship in the denaturalization hearing and eventually deport him.

George O'Leary, an

official with Immigration Canada, told the hearing that Luitjens' immigration application was destroyed in the 1960s as part of ordinary procedure. But his landed immigrant card shows he did not admit to committing a crime when he came to Canada.

Under cross-examination, O'Leary said the RCMP scrutinized all applications that showed a person living in Europe before immigrating elsewhere. But an immigration visa was given freely to people listing only one non-European country as their only residence, as was Luitjens' case.

In dramatic testimony given to an evidence-gathering commission (which was presented at the hearing last week), a Dutch resident said he saw Luitjens shoot a German deserter as he was trying to surrender during World War II.

Hendrikus de Vries said he was chopping wood outside the village of Roden, Holland, in the fall of 1944 when he witnessed the shooting.

"I stood there looking and these people came towards me and then I saw how the man raised up his hands in the air, and at the same moment I heard shooting," de Vries testified.

He said the deserter was in the act of surrendering when he was shot.

Asked whether he saw who shot the deserter, de Vries answered, "Luitjens, in any case, because he had his rifle under his arms and he was shooting."

In other testimony, Dirk Kok told the commission he heard the shooting and looked up to see Luitjens, with a weapon in his hand, walk towards the dead man. He said he knew Luitjens because they were both from Roden.

The crown attorney said Luitjens did not tell immigration officials about the shooting when he applied for citizenship.

The hearing later heard testimony from survivor David Rosenberg, whose hiding place was revealed to the Landwacht when the pro-Nazi group threatened

to shoot the pregnant wife of the man hiding him.

(Luitjens has admitted in court documents he was a member of the Landwacht during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands.)

Rosenberg testified how Jan Jonker helped hide his Jewish family for three years in the Northern Holland town of Beilen. One of their hiding places was at a farm belonging to Jonker's two brothers-in-law.

"He (Jonker) was a magnificent man... He was a very principled man who only thought of saving people," said the 64-year-old Rosenberg, who travelled

to Vancouver from the Netherlands to testify.

"He was forced by the Landwacht to say 'my Jews are at the farm of my brother-in-law' when they threatened to shoot his pregnant wife."

Rosenberg said he went into hiding in August 1942 because he feared for his life. He was arrested in March 1945 — one month before Canadian troops liberated Holland.

During his time in hiding he said his greatest fear was of the Landwacht. "They had local knowledge of situations. Only with the help of the Landwacht were the Ger-

mans able to find us," he said. "(The Landwacht) knew who was apt to resist in the region — mostly very religious people."

Harm Boer, 69, testified his family hid three Jewish women during the war in a small room behind a sloping roof and wall. He also hid with them when the Landwacht carried out house-to-house searches looking for laborers.

He said he eventually "volunteered" to work for the Germans because the situation was becoming "too dangerous" for the three women.

One month after report-

ing for work in February 1945, Boer said he was arrested by about 25 Landwacht members — including Luitjens' father — and taken to a house in Norg where the "blood group" interrogated prisoners.

Boer said he was locked in the house's attic for one week and during that time he heard the sounds of prisoners being tortured.

"There was a lot of shouting, a lot of crying, sounds of people being beaten," he said.

In other testimony, Jantje DeWit, 74, said she believes Luitjens was among the Landwacht

soldiers who arrested her in March 1945 on suspicion she was involved in the Dutch resistance.

"Friends from Holland sent us a picture of him (Luitjens) in his uniform. I said right away he was there in our house when I was arrested, but I'm not completely sure," said DeWit, who now lives in Duncan, BC.

Monitoring the hearing on behalf of Canadian Jewish Congress was its national executive director, Jack Silverstone. Silverstone said Congress had been involved at one point aiding the prosecution in finding potential witnesses.



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West Berlin experiences anti-semitic vandalism

BONN (JTA) —

Anti-semitic vandalism was rampant in West Berlin over the weekend, leaving the Jewish community outraged and Mayor Eberhardt Diepgen vowing that no effort will be spared to find and punish the perpetrators.

In one incident, pig carcasses were hung on the Putzbrücke memorial to Jews who were transported in trains from Berlin to Auschwitz and other death camps.

The same desecration was found at the Ploetzensee memorial, where hundreds of anti-Nazis were killed, and at the Tiergarten, where a plaque stands in memory of the

Jewish-born Communist, Rosa Luxemburg.

In addition, the walls were daubed with anti-semitic slogans such as "Juden Raus" and "Judensau."

Local news wire services received anonymous telephone calls claiming responsibility from an unknown group calling itself the April 20 Movement.

April 20 is Hitler's birthday.

Heinz Galinski, head of the Jewish community in West Germany, urged West Berlin residents and local authorities to prevent the town from becoming "a playground for anti-semites and Nazis."

World-National

Foreign minister invites Arafat to Madrid

Spain leads EC in effort for Middle East talks

BRUSSELS (JTA) —

Spain is moving swiftly at the head of a European Community effort to bring Israelis and Palestinians together to talk peace.

Spanish foreign minister Francisco Fernandez Ordonez has invited Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat to Madrid for talks Jan. 27, EC sources disclosed here.

Ordenez himself went to Jerusalem Jan. 15 for talks with Israeli leaders.

Ordenez assumed the rotating chairmanship of

the Brussels-based EC Council of Ministers Jan. 1, taking over from Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias of Greece. Foreign Minister Roland Dumas of France will succeed Ordenez next July 1.

The three foreign ministers constitute the "troika" mandated by their EC partners last month to consult and confer with Israel, the PLO and all other parties concerned to help resolve the Middle East conflict.

The troika is expected to visit Syria, Jordan and

Egypt and will be in Madrid to talk to Arafat.

The flurry of activity this month is in preparation for the Feb. 14 meeting of the 12 EC foreign ministers in Madrid.

According to a well-informed source here, the foreign ministers may use that gathering to launch an initiative for an international conference for Middle East peace under UN auspices.

Meanwhile, diplomatic sources here hinted that Dutch foreign minister Hans van den Broek may

meet Arafat later this month in Tunis.

Speculation over such an encounter followed a meeting in Tunis between a delegation of senior Dutch foreign ministry officials and PLO representatives.

The Netherlands is considered the most pro-Israel of the EC states.

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Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has told Lord Henry Plumb, the Speaker of the European Parliament, who was in

Israel, that it is hard to see what role the European community could play in peace efforts, given its "consistent pro-Palestinian policies."

A spokesman for the Prime Minister said Shamir told Plumb that the EC should not allow its political views to affect its economic relations with Israel. Such an attempt was made last year when the European Parliament refused to ratify trade protocols with Israel because of the situation in the territories, Shamir complained.

He expressed satisfaction, however, that that particular linkage had been scrapped, and said: "This should serve as a lesson so that mistakes are not repeated," according to the spokesman.

Despite the political disagreements, Israel was interested in good relations with the EC, the Prime

Minister stressed. The British visitor, for his part, told Shamir that the EC bears goodwill toward Israel, and would like to play an active role in peace efforts.

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By
VIC ALHADEFF

SYDNEY, Australia —

A senior representative of the PLO will fly to Australia to meet Australian government officials next month in a visit which will mark upgraded relations between Canberra and the PLO.

The move comes in the wake of the U.S. administration's decision to negotiate directly with the PLO and a subsequent decision by Australia to allow direct contacts with the PLO.

The visit will be by PLO representative Zuheir Dahzi, a spokesman for

Australian foreign minister Gareth Evans said last week. The meeting would be in line with Evans' statements clearing the way for direct dealings with the PLO, he added.

Prime Minister Bob Hawke, a longstanding and staunch friend of Israel, has met moderate PLO representatives both in Israel and Australia, but has never met an official PLO delegation. After PLO head Yasser Arafat's Dec. 15 statement renouncing terrorism and implicitly recognizing Israel, Hawke said an official PLO delegation would be welcome in Australia.

Dahzi will attend a UN seminar while in Australia. The seminar — the UN Conference on Media Encounter — is also due to be attended by Israeli representatives. It will be held in Sydney on Feb. 3 and in Canberra on Feb. 6.

Electronics retailer settles in landmark human rights case

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

An electronics equipment retailer has been forced to pay over \$290,000 in damages for violating the Ontario Human Rights Code's provisions dealing with racial discrimination and harassment.

Raj Anand, chief commissioner of the Ontario Human Rights Commission, recently announced that a "landmark" settlement had been reached between Majestic Elec-

tronics and five former employees who had filed complaints alleging the company's president, Curtis Ramsauer, had threatened and harassed them after refusing to carry out orders they considered racist and sexist.

"We appreciate that Majestic and Ramsauer were willing to settle this matter prior to a Board of Inquiry — which had been appointed — holding a hearing," Anand said. "This settlement represents full compensation for the individual complainants, as well as one of the most far-reaching packages of systemic remedies so as to prevent future discrimination."

The commission had found it necessary to set up such a board after it received complaints from Robert Lee, Matthew McArthur, Jim Spinks, Jerry Buxton and Yasmin Moledina in 1987.

The commission's investigation revealed the four men were forced to leave senior positions in the company as their jobs became unbearable when Ramsauer directed them not to hire minorities and women, made bigoted and racist remarks, and when the occasion arose, insisted they fire minorities and women they had hired despite his threats.

Moledina reportedly left her job after working four days at Majestic as a data entry supervisor as she was told she would be fired because she was East Indian.

Lee, former vice-president of finance for Majestic, told The CJN he was surprised and shocked after being asked to dismiss a person because of race.

"This case shows that if you stand up for your rights you can win," said Lee. "It proves you can't discriminate in Ontario."

Disobeyed company directives

Lee said one of the times he was forced to go against company directives came after he hired administrative staff for head office. He said Ramsauer made it clear to him that he didn't approve of five of the six new employees, who were not white. However, Lee said he stood his ground, defending them as the best qualified candidates.

"Hopefully the exposure of this case will help others stand up for other people's rights," Lee said.

As a result of the commission's intervention, the five complainants will receive a total of \$253,796 in compensation for specific damages and \$8,000 each in general damages, the latter to be paid per-

sonally by Ramsauer.

Under the terms of the settlement, Ramsauer has also agreed to provide each of his former employees with a letter of apology for the "embarrassment, inconvenience, stress and financial costs suffered as a result of treatment received" while employed at Majestic Electronics.

As well as rectifying the complaints made by the five former employees, Ramsauer agreed to cease such practices in the future, guaranteeing Majestic will hire qualified women and minorities in direct proportion to the percentage of applications received from these groups.

The company will also hold six human rights educational programs in the next three years which Ramsauer has agreed to attend and hire an employment equity coordinator for a 3-year period.

In placing future ads, Majestic will now be required to place at least one employment advertisement in an established newspaper representing a visible minority group for each ad placed in a daily newspaper, and include the statement "Majestic Electronic Stores Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer" in each ad.

Any such ads which portray Majestic employees will be required to include women and minorities.

Bonds sales go up

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Over \$631 million worth of Israel Bonds were sold last year, an increase of \$27 million over 1987, the Bonds organization has announced.

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World-National

Seasoned athletes to compete in Maccabiah meet

Games to feature Masters division

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

If you ever had the dream of marching into a jam-packed stadium full of thousands of cheering fans, competing against athletes from around the world and stepping up to the medal-winners podium to receive your reward, but thought those experiences had passed you by, think again.

Over the hill, er, seasoned, athletes, have a second kick at the cat, thanks to the Maccabi World Union's decision to include a "Masters" level competition at next summer's Maccabiah Games in Israel, July 3-13.

According to Saul Globber, chairman of Maccabi Canada's Masters program, there are still plenty of spots available on the Canucks' contingent for the upcoming 13th "bar mitzvah games."

For the first time in the Games's 57-year history, medals will be awarded to Masters athletes. Perhaps more satisfying, Masters sportsmen and women will participate in the Games's opening ceremonies, which Globber, a member of Canada's 1965, 69, 73 and 77 basketball teams, says is a "thrilling" experience for any Jewish athlete.

"To see the Jews from all over the world...mixing with fellow Jews from all over the world, gives you a great thrill," he said.

Maccabi Canada is now out beating the bushes, looking for Masters athletes for next summer's team. So far, about 30 people have applied and altogether, 50 seasoned sportsmen are expected to board the El Al jetliner for the Games.

They will compete in sports including men's and women's tennis, in a mini-marathon of 21

kms., squash, golf, bridge and chess. Maccabi Canada is also hoping to gather enough people to field basketball and volleyball teams.

Masters participation begins for those age 35 or older, with competition broken up for age categories 35-44, 45-49, 50-54, and 55 and older.

A couple of athletes in their 70s have already signed on, including "Mr. Maccabi," Alex Fisher, in tennis.

Others expected to participate are Mr. Justice Alvin Rosenberg in tennis, Harold Green, Stan Budd, 47, Butch Freedhoff and David Kosoy, all in tennis, said Globber.

"I want to march in the

opening ceremonies," says Budd. "I want to participate in my sport just for the thrill of it. It's like being part of the Olympics, except it's Jewish."

Unlike their younger counterparts, these Maccabians will forego the rigors of dormitory life in the Maccabi Village and bivouac at a more luxurious accommodation in a swank Herzlia hotel.

Globber said there have already been inquiries from a number of Jewish athletes who have emigrated to Canada, including some from South Africa, Australia and England, who never had the opportunity to represent their native countries at the Maccabiah Games. They now see their

chances to compete for Canada, he added.

To participate, Masters athletes must financially sponsor a younger athlete, and they will be given a tax deductible receipt for their contribution.

There are no real minimum standards for athletic achievement, so it is wide open for participation, Globber added.

An open meeting for all those interested in the program, whether they have already signed up or not, will be held on Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m., at 720 King St. West, 6th floor offices. All your questions will be answered then.

Meanwhile, Bernie Offstein, chairman of Macca-

bi Canada's national athletic committee, said the organization is looking at sending its largest ever contingent — a 300-person team of athletes (junior, senior and Masters) as well as coaches, administrators, trainers and medical staff.

Prior to the team's departure, all athletes will be checked for prohibited drugs such as steroids, Offstein said. In Israel, athletes will undergo random drug testing conducted by the international Maccabi organization, he added.

For more information about the Masters program, contact Saul Globber at (416) 977-8500 or (416) 489-3330 or contact Marci Mandel at (416) 785-5580.

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By
DAVID BIRKAN

France's Baron Philippe de Rothschild died Jan. 20, 1988. He was a leading developer of the modern wine industry, evoking its predominance in the Jewish past.

Rothschild was born on April 13, 1902, into the French branch of the famous banking family started by Mayer Amschel Rothschild in Frankfurt-on-Main over a century earlier. Mayer freed himself from ghetto poverty through financial services to the local ruler during the French revolutionary wars. Establishing his eldest son Amschel in Frankfurt, Mayer sent sons Nathan to England, Salomon to Austria, Karl to Naples, and James to France.

James and his sons were leaders in the development of France's railway system, the Jewish community, and its general philanthropy, including as patrons of the country's brilliant 19th century artistic accomplishments. Its prominence set up the family as a frequent target of anti-semitism by a scurrilous press.

Edmond, Mayer's grandson, became the godfather of modern Israel's wine industry when he responded to pleas of support from Zionist pioneers in the 1880s. He saved them from financial collapse, and sent a delegation of agricultural experts, including winegrowers, to oversee development.

Despite occasional friction with the pioneers, who resented the experts' lofty airs, winegrowing and citrus production took firm root between the coast and the foothills, surviving political turbulence and Arab depredations. The Carmel cooperative, Israel's largest winemaker, is a direct descendant of Edmond's efforts. Recently, local longtime and new wineries also started to send their labels overseas.

People drank whiskey

Philippe's father Henri appointed him manager of the family's vineyards in Bordeaux in October, 1922. It was not an auspicious charge. The operation was run down, largely neglected since World War I. The industry as a whole was disorganized: Haphazard production and bottling created shoddy wines that were often spoiled upon uncorking. Dull antiquated labels contributed to their rejection by the jazz age's smart set. Wine was out of fashion. "For 'le six o'clock,' the new girl with her Etan crop, long cigarette holder, and tiny straight skirt would demand gin or whiskey," wrote Philippe, and co-author Joan Littlewood, in his candid autobiography *Milady Vine* (1984). "People even drank whiskey with their meals." Philippe's outrage can be heard through the print.

The 20-year-old Philippe was undaunted. Personally moving to the site, he: revived the demoralized workers; improved growing and picking; introduced new fermentation and bottling techniques; set quality control standards; designed new labels; and introduced modern marketing methods. His innovations included chateau bottling.

The joie de vivre that sparked his own estate's revival bubbled out through the rest of the wine industry. France became the byword in winemaking, overtaking Italy, Spain, Portugal and Germany in a matter of years. A product of his own vineyards, after which it was named, contributed directly to France's prominence: the bordeaux Mouton Rothschild. (A kosher version — that is, made under rabbinic supervision — was put on the market a couple of years ago.)

Rothschild's winemaking accomplishments echo those of ancient Israel, whose variety and volume were a byword in the Middle East and later across the Roman empire, for over 1,500 years. The long abandoned terraced hillsides that greet motorists to Jerusalem are among Israel's winemaking remembrances. So are the countless traditions, stories, and laws detailed in the Bible, Mishna, and Talmud.

Significant winemaking in the Holy Land did not die out until the advent of Moslem rule in the 8th century, although grape growing continued on a large scale. Even after that, its influence went on. According to one source, German winemaking was provided its base by vines that knights brought back with them from the Crusades.

During World War II, Philippe was able to escape Vichy imprisonment for London, where he joined the Free French Forces. His first wife was shipped to a Nazi death camp in June, 1944, just as he was acting as liaison officer in the Normandy landings.

Rothschild helped lead France's wineries in a second post-war recovery and to unprecedented renown.

Fewer
goods,
more
workers

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Purchases of Israeli industrial goods in the territories dropped from \$850 million in 1987 to \$250 million last year, Industry and Trade Ministry Director-General Yoram Blizovsky has told the Knesset finance committee.

Blizovsky linked the fall in demand to the uprising in the territories.

At the same time, however, Bank of Israel figures show that more Palestinians are now working inside the Green Line than before the intifada broke out. In April-June, 106,000 Palestinians crossed the Green Line every day to work compared with 105,000 at the same time last year.

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Libyan gas threat must be combatted

It is said that countries deserve the leaders they get. We wonder, however, what sins the Libyans have committed to have received a leader like Muammar Gadhafi.

Gadhafi is a chief of state whose reckless behavior in the international community has earned both him and his country almost universal reproach. After Libya's involvement in the bombing of a United States air base in Germany in 1986, the Americans staged a punitive raid on Tripoli.

In the interim it has been discovered that Gadhafi has remembered nothing and learned nothing. Press reports indicate that Libya, working in concert with a West German firm, has completed work on a facility capable of producing mustard and nerve gas at the rate of 10,000 pounds daily.

Gadhafi's spokesmen have denied the reports. However, as Henry Kissinger has observed in another context, "When people have promised to kill you it is not unreasonable to assume that they might also lie to you."

Libya's apparent possession of poison gas is a serious thing. The record of Libya in Chad, like that of Iraq in Iran, shows that certain Arab regimes do not honor the moral constraints which have held the use of the diabolical weapon in check since World War I.

It is not merely the alleged production of poison gas by Libya that prompts concern. Libya also has 60 Scud-B missiles and will soon have the Orbita missile (from Brazil). These projectiles are capable of hitting targets in Israel. Tripoli is also reported to be obtaining the technology to permit the refuelling of its jet bombers in flight. The match-up between the missiles and the chemical weapons presents both Israel and the United States with some unsettling choices.

Gadhafi's track record in supporting terrorist groups, from the IRA to the Abu Nidal faction, as well as his own involvement in terrorism, shows that polite diplomacy has no effect on the Libyan dictator.

Hunting season declared open

Six years ago a Palestinian terrorist, Abdel Osama el-Zoma, was involved in a fatal attack on a synagogue in Rome. A 2-year-old boy was killed in the attack and 34 other people were wounded as they left holiday services at Rome's main synagogue.

Several weeks after the attack el-Zoma was arrested by Greek authorities near the border with Yugoslavia. He was held on charges of illegal possession of arms and explosives. It was expected that el-Zoma, a member of the Abu Nidal faction, would be extradited to Italy under the terms of an extradition treaty between the two countries in order to stand trial for his role in the synagogue murders.

On Dec. 7 of last year the Greek government decided to break its extradition agreement with Italy and to deport el-Zoma to a third country, probably Libya. The response of the Italian authorities was to administer a mild rebuke to Athens, to recall the European Community's decision to collaborate against terrorism and to record the irritation of international public opinion.

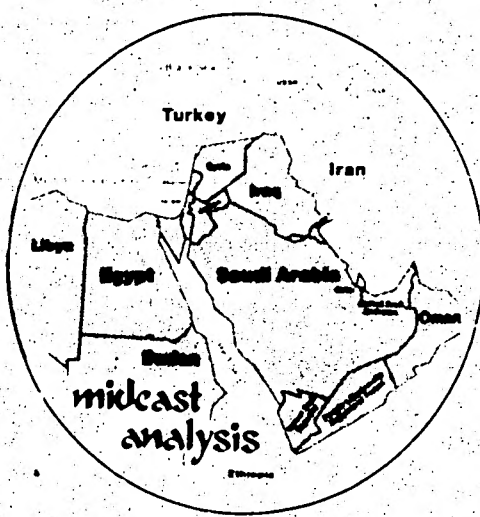
In explaining the release of the Palestinian terrorist, Greek authorities made a statement which will go down in history as a unique example of political infamy. According to The New York Times, Athens said that el-Zoma's actions "were not criminal but rather fell within the domain of the struggle to regain the independence of his homeland."

In other words, the hunting season on Jews in Greece has now been officially opened. Not since the period of Nazi barbarism has the civilized world witnessed a government offering a mandate to thugs to kill Jews. When the assassin is involved in the "struggle to regain the independence of his homeland," it is permissible to kill Jews, according to the public logic in Athens, even if they are innocent people involved in worship.

The Greek government has now made it clear. Jews live in Greece only at the discretion of those who can kill with impunity now. Jews travelling to Greece, or through Greece, it should also be noted, do so at their own risk.

Lebanon a morass for U.S.

Reagan's record checkered



By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

After eight years in office, Ronald Reagan is leaving the White House with a checkered record on the Middle East.

As President, Reagan raised the U.S.' bilateral relationship with Israel to its highest level in history. Yet, in the first two years of his administration, Israel and the U.S. quarreled in a series of crises.

Although Reagan went to the trouble of presenting an Arab-Israeli peace plan, he did not follow it up with sufficient interest and vigor.

Under Reagan's direction, the U.S. attempted to create a "strategic consensus" in the region, a pro-American entente consisting of Israel and conservative Arab countries. But, given the visceral animosities and distrust between the Arabs and Israel, the notion was doomed from the start.

In Lebanon, in the wake of Israel's invasion, Reagan dispatched a contingent of marines to keep the peace in Beirut. But within months, the U.S. mission was in tatters.

Lebanon, that cauldron of ethnic, religious and political hatreds, was a source of further trouble for Reagan as an Israel-Lebanon peace treaty engineered by Washington imploded even before the ink on the documents was dry.

In theory, the U.S. was neutral in the recently-concluded Iran-Iraq war. But in practice, Washington tilted toward Iraq, the Iran-Contra scandal notwithstanding.

Reagan spoke of settling disputes through peaceful means, but he was not averse to using force with Libya and Iran.

He urged a reduction of the arms race in the Middle East, but sold unprecedented quantities of sophisticated weaponry to Israel and the Arabs.

Continuing Jimmy Carter's policy of building up Washington's friendship with Egypt, Reagan threw that important relationship into kilter with the interception of an Egyptian plane following the notorious Achille Lauro incident.

Denying Yasser Arafat a visa to address the UN, Reagan turned around and began a "substantive dialogue" with the PLO.

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Reagan, in campaign speeches prior to his electoral triumph, spoke unabashedly of Israel as a strategic asset rather than just a moral burden on the shoulders of a great superpower.

Unlike Carter, Reagan was not preoccupied by the legality and political wisdom of Israel's settlements in the territories. And, to Israel's further delight, he opposed the creation of a Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The honeymoon phase in U.S.-Israel relations ended abruptly in June of 1981, when the U.S., in reaction to Israel's bombardment of Iraq's nuclear reactor near Baghdad, voted against Israel at the UN and withheld a batch of military aircraft.

Washington was extremely critical of Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights in December of that year, suspending its newly-signed memorandum of strategic cooperation with Israel. Menachem Begin, the Prime Minister, lashed out at the U.S. in a bitterly-worded statement.

On Capitol Hill, Israel and its domestic allies fought a losing battle to prevent the U.S. from selling advanced radar reconnaissance planes (AWACS) to Saudi Arabia, a nation that had attacked the Camp David Accords and Israel's treaty with Egypt. Israel failed to convince the U.S. not to sell military equipment to its Arab allies.

Israel's decision to invade Lebanon elicited a strong response in Washington once it became clear that Israeli forces were advancing beyond a 40 kilometre line. Alexander Haig, the first secretary of state serving Reagan, had apparently given Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon the "green light" to clean out Palestinian bases south of the Litani River. But as Israel's operation grew in size and complexity, Israel was stung by the relative ferocity of the American backlash. Later, further strains occurred when jurisdictional disputes in and around Beirut pitted Israeli troops against U.S. marines.



Ronald Reagan

For all their differences, Israel and the U.S. remained special friends. Less than a year after Israel's intervention in Lebanon, the new Israeli Prime Minister, Yitzhak Shamir, affixed his signature to a broad treaty of strategic cooperation that changed the basic complexion of Israel's increasingly close ties with the U.S.

Much to the chagrin and incomprehension of the Arabs, Israel has become the U.S.' junior partner in the Middle East — the Jonathan Pollard spy scandal notwithstanding. A number of benchmark agreements, ranging from the conduct of joint maneuvers in the area to the stockpiling of American war materiel in Israel, has strengthened that perception. Meanwhile, George Shultz — the second secretary of state during the Reagan years — developed into a genuine friend, doing his utmost to institutionalize Washington's alliance with Jerusalem.

In its effort to defuse the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Reagan administration flopped.

With the war in Lebanon barely over, Reagan, in a nation-wide television address, laid down the principles of Washington's formula for peace: the withdrawal of Israel from the territories, a moratorium on the building of new settlements and a federation made up of Jordan and the West Bank.

As it happened, Reagan's ideas were stillborn, being rejected by Israel and the major Arab players. Reagan applied no discernible pressure on Israel to accept his plan, and it died as a blueprint. Periodically, the Reagan administration made half-hearted attempts to revive the peace process, but to no avail. The long and short of it is that Reagan didn't invest enough time and energy to the Middle East. And Shultz's efforts at shuttle diplomacy in 1988 were rebuffed by a paralyzed Israeli government and all Arab nations except Egypt and perhaps Jordan.

Alexander Haig's effort to align Israel and countries such as Iraq, Egypt and Jordan in an anti-Soviet compact got nowhere. Haig never understood that, in most Arab capitals, hostility to Israel took precedence over fear of Moscow.

Belatedly, Reagan discovered that Lebanon was a morass, a cockpit of endemic, endless violence. The U.S. and NATO allies France and Italy dispatched an expeditionary force to Beirut, but they soon wore out their welcome. Generally perceived as the protectors of the Christian minority, the force became the object of terrorist attacks by Shiite fanatics. After 241 American marines were blown up in their barracks, the U.S. withdrew in a major foreign policy defeat — Reagan blithely refusing to acknowledge failure.

Shultz worked hard to wring some advantages from the turmoil in Lebanon. The centerpiece of his program — the May 17, 1983 Israel-Lebanon de facto peace pact — collapsed haplessly mainly because Syria came out against it. Discouraged by this turn of events, Shultz retreated from Mideast peacemaking.

The Gulf War, lasting from 1980 to 1988, enabled the U.S. to restore relations with Iraq, which had broken them in 1967. For a good part of the war, Washington tilted toward Baghdad. Iran, which had humiliated the U.S. in the 1979 Teheran hostage crisis, became one of Reagan's bete noirs in the Middle East. As Reagan stepped up Washington's military role in the Gulf War, American and Iranian forces clashed at sea.

Amid these confrontations on the sea and in the skies over the Persian Gulf, the U.S., with Israel's direct assistance, secretly ferried arms to the Islamic fundamentalist, anti-American regime in Teheran. The resulting scandal greatly tarnished Reagan's reputation, such as it was.

Next to Iran, the Libya of Muammar Gadhafi was Reagan's No. 1 villain. In 1981, American combat jets shot down two Libyan planes over the disputed Gulf of Sirte. In 1986, suspecting that Gadhafi had masterminded terrorist attacks on American civilians in various parts of the world, the U.S. sank two Libyan naval vessels and carried out air raids on Libya itself. Amid American threats to "take out" a Libyan chemical weapons factory, U.S. F-14s downed two Libyan MIG-23s 100 kilometres off the coast of Libya. But Gadhafi, having been in power for nearly 20 years, was still firmly in the saddle.

The 1985 Achille Lauro episode, which caused the death of an elderly American Jewish tourist aboard an Italian cruise ship, complicated Washington's otherwise good relations with Cairo. Acting on information that a PLO leader had boarded an Egyptian commercial plane, U.S. aircraft forced it to land, precipitating a short-lived crisis in American-Egyptian relations.

Under Reagan, U.S. policy toward the PLO remained negative until Yasser Arafat accepted Israel's existence, embraced UN Resolution 242 and renounced terrorism.

Much to Israel's shock and deep disappointment, Washington announced it would conduct talks with the PLO, thereby overturning a policy that had been formulated by Henry Kissinger in 1975. In mid-December, the American ambassador to Tunis held a meeting with PLO officials. But the U.S. insisted it still opposed the idea of an independent Palestinian state.

Prior to these developments, Washington had harassed the PLO — closing its office on Capitol Hill; trying, without success, to shut down its observer mission at the UN; refusing to grant Arafat a visa to address the UN General Assembly.

By gaining Washington's implicit recognition, the PLO certainly won an important victory. Now it remains to be seen what George Bush will do in the Middle East.

Opinion

Jewish question preoccupied Quebec nationalists

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The "Jewish question" preoccupied Quebec's intellectuals and nationalists in the 1920s and 30s to an inordinate extent considering the relatively small size of the community.

The Jews in Montreal were the focus of open hostility, not only by the street rabble, but more significantly by the leading thinkers of the day, who were unconcerned with being branded anti-semites because such expressions of cultural insecurity were accepted in that time, according to a new scholarly text *Le Rendez-Vous Manqué: Les Juifs de Montreal Face au Quebec de l'Entre-Deux-Guerres* by Pierre Ancil.

The book is published by the Institut Quebecois de Recherche sur la Culture, a body funded by the National Assembly.

Ancil's work, the culmination of almost a decade of study of the relations between francophone and Jewish Quebecers, is a veritable expose of the xenophobia which gripped French Quebec from the turn of the century until, Ancil argues, the Quiet Revolution that was underway by the late 50s.

He is convinced that the arrival of another minority in Quebec, which was not Catholic and did not speak French, was such a challenge to French Canadians' sense of identity and values that it had a profound effect on the type of society Quebec would eventually develop into.

The Jews were the largest wave of immigration to Quebec before World War II and the first significant group of non-Christians, Ancil notes.

French Quebec was strongly opposed to Jewish immigration from the beginning of the century, as is reflected in the editorials of the influential Montreal daily newspaper *Le Devoir*, collected by Ancil in a companion volume, *Le Devoir: Les Juifs et l'Immigration de Bourassa a Laurendeau*. (Together, the two books have more than 500 pages).

Ancil has traced the evolution of the paper's editorials on immigration from those by Henri Bourassa, who founded the paper in 1910, to Andre Laurendeau of the 1950s. Over the years, their views gradually moderate to something approaching an openness to newcomers.

"For many French Canadians, the Jewish immigrant became in the course of the 1930s the symbol of the stranger attempting at any price to introduce himself into the country," Ancil writes.

"According to the francophone editorialists and ideologues, once installed the Jew takes hold of the collective wealth, he makes fun of the established traditions and militates for a relaxation of immigration regulations."

As late as 1944, Maurice Duplessis was waving in the National Assembly a letter purportedly written by one H.L. Roscovitz promising major contributions to federal Liberal candidates if they supported the resettlement of 100,000 Eastern European Jews in Quebec, as proof of a "Zionist plot" to overrun Quebec with Jews.

That year also saw the burning of a synagogue on Cremazie St. on the eve of its opening.

French Quebec's anti-semitism was based on the same prejudices as elsewhere in Christendom, but it also was a reaction against modernity and social change, and foreign influences, which Jews symbolized. The economic hardships of the 30s also pitted francophones and Jews against each other in the daily grind for survival.

The "missed appointment" (*rendez-vous manqué*) of the title refers to the opportunity Jews and French Quebecers lost by remaining estranged, at least, until after the war, Ancil said. He believes it's a shame because the two groups have much in common as minorities who have both felt oppressed, yet resisted assimilation.

Perhaps, French Quebec's biggest mistake in this regard was its refusal to accept Jewish children into the Catholic schools, said Ancil, which guaranteed that the Jews would then integrate into the English-speaking Protestant community, for which French-Quebecers held no strong affection.

Had French Quebec extended a welcome, Ancil thinks it is entirely possible Jews today would be primarily francophones and not as nervous about Quebec nationalism.

While Ancil frankly lays bare an episode of Quebec history of which he is not proud, he does express bafflement in *Rendez-Vous Manqué* that the Jewish community spent far less effort combatting the more "insidious" anti-semitism of the "Anglo-Protestant elite" of the era, which restricted Jewish entrance to McGill University and the corporate echelons.

Ancil notes that there was an ambivalence about the way francophones perceived Jews, pointing to articles which denounced Jews and then goaded French Canadians into learning from the Jewish example, almost in the same breath.

In the course of his research, Ancil, a Quebec City native, became fluent in Yiddish in order to study original Jewish community documents and newspapers written in that language. In the process, he became something of an expert on Montreal Yiddish literature and culture.

He is also the co-author of *Juifs et Realites Juives au Quebec*, with Gary Caldwell, published by the Institut in 1984.

Ancil stresses that the attacks on Jews were never intended to, and for the most part did not, incite violence against Jews. This calm prevailed despite the exhortations of the fascist Adrien Arcand.

The Jewish question was mainly a literary debate among intellectuals, with the masses of Quebecers indifferent to it all, he notes in the book on *Le Devoir*. And a few individuals on both sides, Ancil was surprised to find, attempted dialogue in those years.

It was only after World War II, when masses of other immigrants came to Quebec, that the Jews ceased to be an issue.

Ancil, a social anthropologist who studied at the New School for Social Research in New York, is now director of French Canada Studies and a Jewish studies professor at McGill University.

A postdoctoral fellowship, co-sponsored by the university and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, will allow Ancil to con-



Author Pierre Ancil (left) and former Canadian Jewish Congress archivist David Rome are seen at launching of Ancil's books at CJC. [Michael Beigleman photo]

tinue his study of the Montreal Jewish community over the next three years, specifically the Yiddish-speaking Jews who arrived here from 1880-1940.

This semester, Ancil will also teach McGill's first course on The Jews of Montreal in the 20th Century.

The political imbroglio in Geneva

GEORGE BAUMGARTEN, United Nations correspondent for BPI World News Service, covered the recent UN session in Geneva at which PLO chairman Yasser Arafat "recognized" the existence of the State of Israel. Here are his comments on the session.

GENEVA —

The recent Geneva special session of the United Nations General Assembly was the result of a political imbroglio unprecedented in the organization's 43-year history.

The operations of the United Nations in New York are governed by a "host agreement" with the United States, in which the U.S. government makes certain assurances to the United Nations, as a result of its presence in New York City. Among these assurances is the guarantee that all persons having any business before the United Nations will "automatically" be given U.S. entry visas for the purpose of travelling to New York. In Yasser Arafat's case, however, it was the state department's contention — as expressed by Secretary George Shultz — that he was a leader of such notorious terrorist background (including alleged responsibility for the murder of a serving U.S. ambassador to the Sudan), that his exclusion was justified.

A parallel issue last spring — which involved the same basic objections to PLO activities — was the closure of the PLO offices in Washington and New York. On that occasion, a Federal Court finally decided that while the U.S. might close the Palestine Information Office (PIO) in Washington, it was a violation of the headquarters agreement to close the PLO "observer mission" in New York. This was a unique status granted over a decade ago to the organization by the UN General Assembly, and one it shares only with Namibia's South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO).

Since Arafat was barred from New York, therefore, the UN elected to move its annual "Palestine debate" (including Arafat's address) to its European headquarters at Geneva's Palais des Nations. A report from the Assembly's fifth committee, which handles administrative and budgetary matters, estimates the cost of the session to be \$440,000, of which 25% must be borne by the United States.

Speaking on the issue of the Geneva session, U.S. Ambassador Herbert S. Okun (who is the deputy permanent representative) said he did not favor the move, "because we believe the change of venue is unnecessary." In defending the denial of Arafat's visa, Okun said "the right of persons to enter the United States under Section 11 of the headquarters agreement is subject to the right of the United States to deny entry to individuals in order to safeguard our national security." Nevertheless, he made it clear that the U.S. would not oppose such a move, and would be represented at the Geneva session.

Israel's acting representative, Ambassador Johanan Bein, in explaining his opposition to the move of the General Assembly to Geneva, delivered a statement highly condemnatory of the PLO, its history and position. In his statement, which was interrupted at various times by delegates from Syria, Libya and Saudi Arabia, Bein said that "... the PLO had not abandoned

terrorism. Rather, it maintained close contact with, and gave assistance to, practically every insurgent and terrorist organization around the world." Citing the murder of Leon Klinghoffer during the hijacking of the Achille Lauro in 1985, Bein said that "the PLO was an organization which specialized in the hijacking of airplanes and cruise ships. It was now trying to hijack the General Assembly."

The move to Geneva came on the heels of other action condemning Israel, already passed by the General Assembly at this 43rd session. In a resolution passed on Nov. 8, the Assembly "condemns Israel's persistent policies and practices violating the human rights of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories, including Jerusalem, and, in particular, such acts as the opening of fire by the Israeli army and settlers."

The resolution goes on to, among other things, condemn Israel for defying the Security Council, and asks the secretary-general to submit

"periodic reports" on the subject.

Strangely, statements that seem less than totally condemnatory of Israel have arisen from some surprising quarters. In the Middle East position paper, distributed in connection with Gorbachev's visit to the U.S., the Soviet Union pointedly omits any reference to Jerusalem, in citing the call for Israel's withdrawal from "the West Bank of the Jordan, the Gaza Strip and the Syrian Golan Heights."

In the annual debate on Israel's credentials, the vote held its steady momentum toward Israel's side. While Israel's presence in the Assembly has never been in serious doubt, the margins in her favor have been steadily increasing. Few countries opposed Israel except for the Arab and other Islamic states, the Soviet Union and a few of its supporters. Surprisingly, not a single one of the Eastern European "satellite" republics voted with the Soviet Union to deny Israel's credentials.

Grandfather taught her proper order of things

By
ELAINE KAHN

My grandfather recently marked his 80th birthday. Writing about it in advance would have been the perfect gift — he gets angry when I spend money on him. The problem was finding the angle.

He's a retired travelling salesman and inveterate storyteller, whose lifestyle is spartan and whose main interests seem to be Wheel of Fortune and bargain-hunting.

And the pet name I use for him, instead of "zayde" or "grandpa" is, I learned as a teenager, a Yiddish vulgarity he would not appreciate me publishing, even if the original impetus for it came from him calling me "Pussy" when I was a baby.

The angle came to me the day after his birthday dinner.

That day, we heard that friends had lost their eldest child, a little boy, to cancer. Later that night, I learned other friends had become parents for the first time.

And what came to me, not for the first time, while I was busy sorting out my own feelings that roller-coaster day, was what a wonderful father my grandfather is to my mother.

The biggest hugs and kisses and smiles at his party he had reserved for her. Although he loves his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, he has always made clear to me that my mother, forever his little girl, comes first.

There is nothing I love and admire more about him.

Not that my own father is so bad, you understand. He's just more subtle or something. For example, last spring, without me even asking, he bought me new front steps for the house.

And right now he's in Florida with my mother and our kids, so that my husband and I are free to enjoy shovelling snow in peace.

I'm young yet — I'll get used to it.

I think of my friends who are new parents and of all the lures life has ahead of them, to trick them into forgetting their priorities. I've promised not to join the hordes who will give them unsolicited advice, but really must remember to tell them not to go many hours without telling the baby they love her — even when she's grown up.

I think of my shockingly bereaved friends and how, even if their other two children make a party, some 40 years hence, for their 80th birthdays, there will be one less child for them to kiss and hug and all the grandchildren in the world will not change that.

My grandfather taught me Scrabble and gin rummy and my first words in French (beginning with "le savon," likely reflecting his ever-present concern with good grooming). I don't have much call for those skills lately.

But I use every day what he's taught me about the proper order of things. It's the only time in my life in which being second feels just fine, thanks.

Opinion

The PLO: a mirror of political ferment in Mideast

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), which has been designated by the Arab League as the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinians, was created 25 years ago this month at an Arab summit in Cairo.

In a quarter of a century, the PLO has come to represent the national aspirations of the dispersed Palestinians, the ideological splits within the Arab world, and Arab opposition to Israel.

Israel neither recognizes the PLO nor is willing to negotiate with the PLO. But the majority of analysts believe that no Arab-Israeli settlement is possible without the acquiescence, consent and/or participation of the PLO, particularly in light of King Hussein's historic decision in 1988 to sever legal and administrative ties with the West Bank.

Now that PLO leader Yasser Arafat has embraced United Nations Resolution 242 and the principal of partition, accepted Israel's existence and renounced terrorism, the U.S. has entered into a "substantive dialogue" with the PLO in the search for a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

But the war between the PLO and Israel is far from over. Leading PLO officials have said repeatedly that, in the absence of peace, they reserve the right to attack Israeli military targets and carry on with the *intifada* in the territories.

Furthermore, radical PLO splinter groups opposed to Arafat's leadership and accommodationist policies have vowed to fight until Israel is destroyed. That the PLO is fragmented is an understatement. But this is and has been the nature of the beast. The PLO, which has been courted by a succession of Arab regimes, is a mirror of the political ferment in the Middle East.

Gamal Abdel Nasser, the charismatic president of Egypt from 1954 to 1970, is generally credited with being the architect of the PLO. Nasser, the chief Arab torchbearer against Israel in the 1950s and 1960s, feared that the incipient Palestinian movement that he supported would provoke an unwanted war with Israel and be used by his Baathist rivals and enemies in Syria to undermine his position in the Arab world. Nasser wanted to create an organization that would give the Palestinians a forum for self-expression, the appearance of power and a degree of independence.

The decision in principle to establish the PLO was taken in Cairo in January of 1964, where the chief topic of business was Israel's plan to divert the waters of the Jordan River in order to irrigate the Negev Desert.

Ahmad Shukairy, a fiery Palestinian, who had represented both Syria and Saudi Arabia at the United Nations, became the first chairman of the PLO. It was he who apparently coined the phrase of "driving the Jews into the sea."

At its inaugural meeting in the eastern half of Jerusalem several months later, the PLO's National Covenant was unveiled — a charter that rejected the 1947 partition of Palestine into a Jewish and an Arab state and that spoke tacitly of Israel's eventual destruction. Article 15, the key clause, reads: "The liberation of Palestine... attempts to repel the Zionist and imperialist aggression... and aims at the elimination of Zionism in Palestine."

To this day, the PLO has yet to repeal the National Covenant.

Then, as now, the strongest component within the PLO was the Palestine National Liberation Movement, or Fatah — the military arm of the PLO. Fatah, which was controlled by Arafat, emerged in the Gaza Strip in the late 1950s. Arafat and his associates believed that "the liberation of Palestine" could no longer be entrusted to Arab nations and that Palestinian themselves had to take matters into their own hands.

Fatah gained immense popularity for a variety of reasons: it was led by a small, relatively cohesive band of bourgeois nationalists whose appeal transcended ideology, class and religion; Fatah, from the outset, tried to stay clear of inter-Arab rivalries. In this respect, it was not always successful.

Fatah's first military operation was scheduled to take place on New Year's eve, 1964. The goal of the infiltrators, who set off from a Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon, was to sabotage an Israeli pumping station in the Galilee. Lebanese security agents, having been tipped off to their mission, intercepted them. This would not be the last time Palestinian and purely Arab interests collided.

—Early in 1965, another band crossed into Israel from Jordan and left an explosive device at the station. As they returned, a Jordanian army patrol fired on them, killing one of the guerrillas — Fatah's first casualty.

—This incident was symptomatic of the uneasy relationship that would develop between the PLO and Arab countries. Lakhdar Brahimi, an Algerian observer, put it best when he



King Hussein

wrote that "the interests of the Palestinian people... do not coincide with the goals and preoccupations of... certain Arab regimes."

The Palestinian cause was morally embraced and, to a degree, actively supported by Arab leaders. But this support, however genuine, was diluted by the constraints of Realpolitik.

•Jordan, with which Israel shared its longest border, was generally hostile to Palestinian raids. King Hussein, mindful of his shaky throne, feared Israeli reprisals and was concerned that Syria and Egypt, through the Palestinians, would subvert his kingdom. And he knew that the fall of Israel would mean the loss of the West Bank, which his grandfather had annexed in 1950.

In the first three months of 1965, Fatah launched 7 sabotage raids from Jordanian territory, leading to the inevitable Israeli retaliatory attacks. In the pre-Six Day War period, Israel's biggest attack took place on Nov. 13, 1966, when two armored columns raided the village of as-Samu.

•Syria, which has always been a hotbed of Arab nationalism, was the keenest proponent of Palestinian armed struggle against Israel. After the February, 1966 coup in Damascus — which brought hardliners to power — the pace of Palestinian raids picked up. Israeli reprisals, particularly from the air, put the Syrians on notice that they were playing with fire.

•Lebanon forbade Fatah infiltrations prior to the Six Day War. There was a consensus that multi-ethnic Lebanon, stable and prosperous, should not break the status quo that prevailed along its peaceful border with Israel.

•Egypt offered Fatah moral, political and limited material support. But Nasser, for all his anti-Israel bluster, banned the establishment of Palestinian military bases on Egyptian soil. Fatah incursions from the Gaza Strip before the 1956 war had, after all, triggered fierce Israeli reprisals and produced a warlike climate which was hardly conducive to Egypt's interests.

In the aftermath of the Six Day War, which had been caused in part by Syrian acquiescence of Fatah actions, Palestinian self-confidence rose as Arab morale fell.

The PLO regrouped, determined more than ever to justify its existence. The old slogan that Arab unity was the road to the liberation of Palestine was reversed. Some Palestinians, notably George Habash, a fervent marxist, voiced the theory that the overthrow of conservative Arab regimes should take precedence over Israel's destruction. Meanwhile, Shukairy was deposed, and soon he was replaced by Arafat, an engineer by training but a political agitator by choice.

Immediately after Israel's 1967 victory, the PLO attempted to graft a Chinese-style people's war to the West Bank. For a number of reasons, it failed. But from bases in Jordan, Fatah carried out both guerrilla and terrorist attacks, resulting in considerable Israeli deaths. Israel responded vigorously. In March of 1968, the Israeli army, Fatah and Jordan fought a day-long pitched battle in Karameh, a Palestinian encampment near the Jordan River. The Palestinians called it a triumph of arms. The Israelis, having lost 28 men in the sharp encounter, claimed they had driven Fatah into the hills.

Until the autumn of 1970, King Hussein vacillated, caught between the bitter realization that his country was being ruined and his pan-Arab obligation to the Palestinians.

Following a series of provocative incidents, King Hussein's Arab Legion cracked down on the Palestinian presence in Jordan. The Palestinians, having become overbearing and arrogant, had set up a state-within-a-state in Jordan. After being routed, Fatah reestablished its bases in



Yasser Arafat



George Habash

southern Lebanon. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a PLO breakaway group, took to hijacking airplanes. In July of 1968, the PFLP hijacked an El Al plane to Algiers. In December, the PFLP attacked an EL plane in Athens. In the waning days of 1968, Israeli commandos destroyed 13 Arab airliners at Beirut airport.

The Lebanese were not pleased by these developments. Cowed by Arab pressure, they turned a blind eye to Fatah activities in southern Lebanon. In 1969, the Cairo Accords formalized the PLO armed presence in Lebanon. Nevertheless, clashes pitting the Lebanese army against the PLO broke out in April and May of 1969, December of 1972 and May of 1973.

Syria, for its part, encouraged the PLO, but denied Arafat the right to operate from Syrian territory. In an effort to increase its prestige in radical Arab circles and deflect criticism of its constant tampering in Palestinian affairs, Syria created a homegrown Palestinian group, Saika — thereby exacerbating Palestinian factionalism. As the Yom Kippur War approached, the Palestinians were busy creating an infrastructure in Lebanon and carrying out sometimes spectacular acts of terrorism. The Munich massacre of Israeli Olympic athletes was the most despicable of these.

The PLO played no real role in the 1973 war; lobbing katyusha shells into northern Galilee as Israel was locked in mortal combat with Syria and Egypt.

The year 1974 proved to be a decisive one for the PLO. Much to Jordan's disappointment, the Arab League recognized the PLO as the only representative of the Palestinians, and the UN accorded Arafat the privilege of addressing the General Assembly. Now more countries recognized the PLO than Israel. The PLO's main achievement was political — convincing the world that the Palestinian question lay at the heart of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

In 1974, too, the PLO staged grisly terrorist raids in Maalot and Beit Shean. In the same year, the Palestine National Council — the parliamentary voice of the PLO — resolved to accept a 2-state solution in Palestine, which meant that it was no longer necessarily bound by the flagrantly unrealistic goal of a "secular, democratic" state in the whole of Palestine.

Through to 1978, the PLO sent terrorists on suicide missions to Israel. Most failed, but a handful succeeded — the Hotel Savoy incident and the coastal road massacre. The latter prompt-



Hafez Assad



Gamal Abdel Nasser

ed Israel's mini invasion of southern Lebanon in March of 1978.

The focus was on southern Lebanon after that. Palestinian raids and Israeli counter-raids turned it into something approximating a wasteland. Artillery duels between the PLO and Israel in July of 1981 were serious enough so that Kiryat Shmona had to be evacuated, on a partial basis, temporarily.

In June of 1982, after a year of near tranquility along the Lebanese border and following the attempted assassination of Israel's ambassador to Britain by anti-Arafat Abu Nidal terrorists, Israel invaded Lebanon.

The purpose of the massive operation was not only to destroy PLO bases, but to deal a heavy blow to Palestinian nationalism throughout the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, where agitation against Israeli military rule had never ceased.

The war set off a crisis within PLO ranks: Arafat and roughly 12,000 of his men were forced to leave West Beirut, but several thousand pro-Syrian guerrillas remained behind elsewhere in Lebanon. In 1983, at the instigation of Syrian President Hafez Assad, who despised Arafat, rebels staged a revolt against the PLO chieftain. Then, in December, they drove Arafat and his cohorts out of Tripoli. PLO fortunes had never been lower.

But Arafat pulled through these disasters. He enlisted the support of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and resumed contacts with Jordan. He travelled around the globe consolidating support for the Palestinians.

In 1984, further internal splits rent the PLO as Habash, Ahmed Jabril (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command) and Nayef Hawatmeh (Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine) seceded from that umbrella organization. In 1985, the Israeli Air Force leveled the PLO's new headquarters near Tunis.

In 1986, the self-inflicted wounds on the body politic of the PLO were somewhat healed as Habash and Hawatmeh rejoined Arafat. But the PLO remained badly split.

Today, the PLO is a house divided, and its goal of wresting territory from Israel remains unfulfilled. But ironically, it has never been stronger or more influential. The PLO has proclaimed unilateral statehood, won widespread international support and adopted a peace offensive which has placed Israel on the diplomatic defensive.

After 25 years, the PLO has indeed come a long way.

Opinion

No surrender yet for J.B.

Thank heaven your humble scribe is still here

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Please, my dear friends, don't be upset by the headline of this column. No, I wasn't, thank heaven, exposed to any danger.

The heading is only a zesty declaration of the fact that I am still here, in good old Toronto, Canada, on this date in our calendar and not elsewhere where the tingling pleasures of our winters are, sad to say, unknown.

Allow me to illustrate the point in more detail: It is now 10.30 in the evening and I started writing these memorable lines at 10.15. (It is an old habit of mine to postpone writing until I can postpone no longer.) So, having completed the first paragraph I felt entitled to some rest and delights. And, what's more delightful than a long and deep breath of our world-renowned winter air? So I opened the balcony door of my 8th floor apartment and stepped out. What happened after that? I really can't recall but I found myself blown back into my living space. . . . Well, can those people who succumbed to the



J. B. Salsberg

popular belief that Florida is a better place to be at this time of year than is our home and native land; can they appreciate what they are missing at home? They can't or they would still be here with me and all other good, happy and sensible people like myself. It's all a conspiracy to lure us away.

Let me illustrate how devilishly the conspiracy operates.

Usually my good friends who first conspired to kidnap me and to release me in Florida, some five or six years ago, began their plotting activity late in the fall. But for this, 1988-89 season they got into action in August of 88.

During a particularly hot August day, my friends phoned to ask whether I had already reserved a place on the Florida flight. In August? I asked in surprise. Yes, yes, they replied in a Yom Kippur tone. They assured me that some of their friends could no longer get plane reservations for November flights. Nu, I replied cynically — so let them walk. Stubbornly I refused to be stampeded, I didn't rush to make reservations until December (for the end of January) and my travel agency managed to complete all the arrangements during my one visit to their office. . . .

Do you need more evidence to prove that

there exists a Florida cabal that hoodwinks our good people to go to Florida earlier and earlier year after year? Hardly.

The fact is that the "early birds" now leave in September or October. The "snow birds" of yesteryears, now leave in November and the common folk, like you and I, who used to go, nebech, after the (goyish) New Year, now feel guilty if they are still around to enjoy our stimulating Januaries.

As for myself, I fight the trend stubbornly. Here I am, in mid-January, and I'm still at home enjoying Canada's prime gift to mankind — its renowned winters.

Yes, one can fight the popular trends only for so long and for so far. Yes, I will soon surrender to the popular craze and will screamingly follow the crowd. But, at least, I'm resisting it as long as possible. Which is a way of telling you that I will need your sympathy at the end of January when I will join our wandering brethren on the spiritless beaches of Florida. Someone like me is needed to remind them that there is still a real world at home. . . .

But who started this abnormal way of life? It's our so-called Leaders (with a capital L) who did it. And, as usual, it is our "Lower Estates" (as the French Revolution called them) who ape them.

Who are those Leaders whom we follow like sheep? They are our government leaders, who, after a few weeks of what they call work, they unashamedly rush off to Florida for a few weeks of rest. Our captains of finance and industry do the same. In fact, many of that category have their own (or their companies') planes and, in wintertime, leave us at home and fly for weekends to Florida. Their weekends begin on Thursday afternoon and they don't return till Monday evening.

The Jewish Leadership also manages to arrange its midwinter conferences in Florida. Even the unions do the same. As for the Israel-supporting bodies, religious and non-religious, political and non-political, all hold their midwinter meetings in Florida. Yes, Florida in midwinter, has become the world centre of Jewry. Sometimes one wonders who is left in Israel to manage the country.

So, you may ask, why am I going there? The answer is that I'm not "going" there; I'm being dragged there.

However, somebody has to be there to observe and to record it all, no? So, why shouldn't it be me, your dependable and experienced scribe?

Yes, I'm going for the sake of our people.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 200 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

"WE SHOULD SHUT UP"

The point of view expressed by Jay Jacobs in a recent letter to The CJN (He Won't Shut Up) is one that has been increasingly heard lately. Regrettably, it is misguided and self-defeating.

We, in the Diaspora, may not always agree with the policies of Israel's government. But it is obscene for those who sit in safety, thousands of miles removed from threat, to suggest to those who lay their lives on the line daily what they should or should not do to safeguard their security.

Now, in this time of crisis as never before, we and our community organization must do away with personal ego trips and protective "turfism" and work together for the benefit of Israel.

Dr. William Bilek
Montreal

DEPLORES BOOBY-TRAPPED DOGS

It is with a great sense of despair that I read of Israeli soldiers using dogs, booby-trapped with bombs, to fight their battles for them.

The dogs are, of course, completely innocent and eager to please their masters. Their reward is to get blown to bits or else shot by Palestinian soldiers on sight.

It is one of the most blatantly evil schemes of which I have ever heard. It is comparable to sending a crawling infant into a war with a grenade in its diapers.

What has happened to the great Jewish tradition of kindness to animals?

By allowing its military to commit such atrocities to God's creatures, can the State of Israel ever hope to attain peace?

Rudy Brunell
Toronto

NUN KNOCKS JEWS FOR JESUS

Re your Jan. 5 article, "Jewish groups oppose Jews for Jesus ad".

I think it important the Jewish community know that the recent Jews for Jesus advertisement in the Globe and Mail was also offensive to mainline Christians.

This blatant proselytization is a distortion of both Judaism and Christianity and an affront to both.

Ads such as this are not only demeaning of Judaism, but most certainly counter to the Canadian ideal of a healthy, multicultural, pluralistic society.

Mainline Christian churches are sincerely committed to dialogue, to working for better relations between Jews and Christians.

Therefore, we, too, are concerned that groups like the Jews for Jesus be seen for what they really do.

We must work together with integrity and respect for each other, and stand together against this outrageous proselytization which denigrates Judaism.

Sister Marge Boyle
Sisters of Our Lady of Zion
Toronto

JB'S "DISINFORMATION" ON ARABS

Once again, in "If I were an Israeli leader..." (Dec. 21), J. B. Salsberg demonstrates his inability or unwillingness to tell the truth about Israel.

In 1976, the U.S. Library of Congress found that the Arabs would form a majority inside pre-1967 Israel within a few decades.

The National Review, America's leading conservative magazine, stated: "The statistics tend to bear him (Rabbi Meir Kahane) out. A projection of current population growth tells us that within pre-1967 Israel, Arabs will outnumber Jews by the year 2020."

Thomas Friedman's front-page New York Times article, "Forecast for Israel: More Arabs Than Jews" (Oct. 19, 1987) agreed.

Yet Salsberg and certain Jewish leaders keep spreading dangerous nonsense that surrendering Israel's heartland to her implacable foes will keep Israel Jewish.

Freedom of speech does not oblige Jews to tolerate fabrications. In fact, the refusal to tolerate disinformation is a hallmark of a free people. In the name of truth, I urge The CJN to stop the flow of disinformation.

Chaim Haberman
Toronto

DON'T LET ISRAEL DOWN

We recently spent six weeks in beautiful Israel and felt no fear at anytime, anywhere.

In Jerusalem, in Tiberius, in Safed, we saw many buses full of visiting Christians, but Jews were conspicuous by their absence.

The hotels, storekeepers, the general economy suffer from lack of tourism.

Israel is for all Jews; she is a crown on our heads and we are letting her down.

A visit to Israel is an indescribable pleasure. Be good to yourself; visit Israel and show you care.

Ben and Rose Ehrenworth
Toronto

Rx FOR BACK PAIN

On Dec. 22, an article appeared in your newspaper on back pain. It stated that medical doctors, during a clinical day at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal, have decided "that less than 2% of all low-back-pain patients really need surgery." The alternative to surgery given was exercise, and anti-depressants if no disability is found.

Now that medical doctors have come to this

"startling conclusion" that surgery is not the answer to back pain in more than 98% of the cases, they should take the next logical step forward and recognize the value of chiropractic treatments.

Thousands of Canadians have benefited from chiropractic care in treating not only back pain, but other spinal dysfunction disorders and their related neurological effects.

Recent research from chiropractic and medicine reports a greater than 90% success rate with skilled spinal manipulation for treatment of acute back pain.

Dr. Edan F. Orvitz
St. Catharines, Ont.



Cyd Charisse

CYD CHARISSE IS JEWISH

I like reading your factual answers to readers inquiring whether certain film stars are Jewish. The other night, while watching Cyd Charisse dance opposite Fred Astaire in a TV revival of the 1957 movie, *Silk Stockings*, my boy friend said that she is Jewish. Is this true? Her name certainly doesn't sound Jewish.

Cheryl Greenstein
Toronto

Editor's note: Your boy friend is right. The dancer, now 67, was born in Amarillo, Texas. Her nickname was Cyd, and Charisse was the surname of her first husband. She later married the singer, Tony Martin (originally named Al Morris who is also Jewish) and she still remains his wife. Some of her other films include *Singin' in the Rain* (1952), *Brigadoon* (1954) and *The Bandwagon* (1953).

SEEKS RUSSIAN EMIGRE RELATIVES

I am asking your help in my search for some members of our family who emigrated from Russia earlier this century. They have settled and lived in Toronto, but we cannot locate them now.

We are looking for descendants of Sima Zimgorod, born about 1895 in the town of Pulin, near Zhitomir, in Ukraine. She emigrated in 1920-1922 to Toronto, married a man by the last name of Pesnoy. They had three sons, born in 1930s-1940s.

Another cousin of ours, Chaya Gluzman, from the same town, also emigrated in early 1920s. Unfortunately, nobody remembers her married name. The only information known to us is that she had two (or more?) sons and the oldest Hirsh (Hershele in Yiddish), born about 1915, still in Russia. After her husband's death she married a man by the name of Lasutra.

Would those with any information please write me at the address below.

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Potomac, Md. 20854

BRAVO, REFUSENIK PETITIONERS!

I'd like to say "Thank you" to the 1,200 people who supported me in a 3-month petition campaign on behalf of two Soviet Refusenik families.

The petitions, launched last Aug. 21, were on behalf of the families of Evgeny Lein of Leningrad and Yuli Kosharovsky of Moscow. I delivered the petitions personally to the Soviet embassy in Ottawa during a meeting with first-secretary Andre Choupin and Ottawa Committee for Soviet Jewry co-chairman Sunny Tavel on Nov. 14.

A tremendous bravo must also be extended to the Soviet Jewry Committees of B'nai Torah, York University, and Temple Sinai who had adopted these families.

Yehuda Poch
Toronto

THRILLED ON 80TH BIRTHDAY

I would like to compliment Cynthia Gasner for writing that thrilling Dec. 15 biographical article about myself.

The opening paragraph of her 7-column profile summed it all up in this flattering way: "Elder statesman Nathan Oscar Hurwich, who helped set the pattern for fund raising in Canada, reflects on his volunteer activities, spanning more than a half century of commitment to the community, as he celebrates his 80th birthday."

I would also like to compliment publicly The CJN editor Maurice Lucow. I have always admired his personality and his policies as editor of the largest Jewish weekly in Canada.

He is known for his fairness, and I personally know him as a mensch, who takes pains not to neglect the ordinary guy in The CJN's mass readership.

Nat Hurwich
Toronto

World-National

Nazi propagandist and collaborator

Jewish groups urge return of Sokolov to U.S.

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Canadian Jewish organizations voiced dismay last week in the wake of news that an established Nazi propagandist and collaborator was seeking asylum in Canada.

Canadian Jewish Congress national executive director Jack Silverstone issued a statement urging the quick return of Vladimir Sokolov, a 75-year-old former Yale University professor, to the U.S., where he has already been stripped of his citizenship and was scheduled for a deportation hearing.

Sokolov skipped the hearing and has been in Montreal since last March.

"We regard this as an abuse of the refugee process," Silverstone said in the CJC's statement.

"We hope Canadian au-

thorities will take prompt action to have Mr. Sokolov sent back to the United States," the CJC official said.

B'nai B'rith was "deeply disappointed" that Sokolov gained entry into Canada. Sokolov's wife, Alistina, remained at their home in New Haven, Conn.

Susan Davis, a lawyer and expert on refugee affairs speaking on behalf of BBC's Institute for International Affairs, said Sokolov's claim of refugee status could be denied based on the refugee law in effect since Jan. 1 that rejects claimants whose conduct contravenes United Nations conventions.

"Our understanding of the Refugee Convention is that the convention does not protect people who espouse views that run counter to the United Nations charter," she said. "We are confident that the Canadian judicial

process will ensure an appropriate determination."

Both organizations hoped that the case will be handled expeditiously.

In 1986, a U.S. Federal court revoked the citizenship of Sokolov, a native of the USSR, for hiding the fact that he wrote anti-semitic articles in a Nazi-controlled newspaper during the German occupation of his home town of Orel between 1942-44.

The CBC, which broke the story of Sokolov's flight to Canada, reported that Sokolov was accused of personally writing three of the newspaper's most vehemently anti-semitic articles.

Among other characterizations, Sokolov allegedly described Jews as "large yellow rats with protruding mugs" and hoped that "kikedom will be destroyed finally and forever."

Sokolov, while conceding he wrote for and edited the publication, called Rech, steadfastly maintained in the U.S. that German censors wrote the most offensive tracts. But his explanation as to why he lied to immigration officials was not accepted by the court. He would not speak publicly in Montreal.

Sokolov moved to the U.S. in 1951 and became an American citizen in 1957.

Two years later, he became an instructor of Russian linguistics and Soviet dissident literature at Yale

University in New Haven.

When Sokolov's past was uncovered by the university's student newspaper in 1976, he resigned.

In 1982, the U.S. government launched proceedings to strip Sokolov of his citizenship.

Sokolov, said to be suffering from heart disease, has reportedly been in Montreal since March, 1988. He claimed refugee status last April saying his life would be threatened were he to be deported to the Soviet Union.

His lawyer, human rights advocate Julius Grey, fears that his client would face Soviet persecution and even death if he was sent back to the USSR.

Grey said his client's health is precarious, and that anti-Soviet articles written by Sokolov would also make him vulnerable to mistreatment.

Grey also rejected the notion equating anti-semitic writing with war crimes. Sokolov's desire for refugee status should not be rejected on the basis of his having unpopular views.

In a report published in The Montreal Gazette, Grey stated: "If human rights are applied to causes that are popular, then what good are they? If my client were a member of Solidarity, there would be no question about letting him stay. The strength of our human rights charter is the ability to be fair to everyone."

However, in an inter-

view with The CJN, McGill University law professor Irwin Cotler said the government had several options and disagreed strongly with Grey.

"The freedom of expression argument is an absurd point of view since Sokolov did it as an employee of the Nazi party," Cotler said.

The Nuremberg trials following World War II, which convicted infamous Nazi propagandist Julius Streicher, established case law that inciting hatred against Jews could be defined as war criminal activity, he said.

Cotler, who acted as CJC's senior legal counsel before the Deschenes Commission of Inquiry on War Criminals, specifically cited judicial notice taken at Nuremberg that "racial incitement during the Holocaust was particularly reprehensible."

Cotler agreed that the most realistic option for Canadian officials was to reject Sokolov's refugee claim based on his contravening of the United Nations refugee convention.

Another but less plausible approach would be to launch legal proceedings in Canada under its War Crimes Act, but Canada would probably not be inclined to do so, Cotler believes.

News of Sokolov's flight to Canada also alarmed Sol Littman, Canadian repre-

sentative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, who added his voice to those calling for a speedy rejection of Sokolov's refugee claim.

At the time of writing, that appeared unlikely. Estimates were that it would take one to two years before Sokolov's case came up again before Canadian refugee officials.

And in Cotler's view, "knowing Julius Grey, he will draw it out."

In the event that the date of the hearing is not moved up, several years could elapse before the case is settled, since Sokolov applied for refugee status before the new determination process came into effect Jan. 1.

Arthur Spiegel, a Jewish community leader at the Jewish Federation in New Haven, said he was "appalled" at hearing of Sokolov's flight, calling him a "fugitive from justice."

Cotler made the point that Sokolov's admission into Canada could have been prevented had Canada adopted a recommen-

dation to implement a "watch list" of suspicious individuals who could conceivably come across the border.

In a CBC report, Silverstone, who was associate CJC counsel before the Deschenes Commission, remarked that "we're not talking about a refugee from the Soviet Union. We're talking about somebody who had ample due process in the United States and who fled an American judicial process."

Davis of B'nai B'rith told The CJN that resolution of the affair lies in letting the refugee law take its course.

She said exclusivity clauses written into the law effective for all claimants were enacted for just such a situation.

Meanwhile, an acquaintance of the Sokolovs in New Haven portrayed the former professor as a popular neighbor.

Anna Winogradow described Sokolov as a "very nice" and "honest" man who had a number of Jewish friends at Yale.

Arafat orders end to attacks on Jews abroad

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Yasser Arafat has instructed Fatah, the military arm of the PLO, to halt all military operations against Israeli and Jewish targets abroad, Israel has learned.

The Palestine Liberation Organization leader's move was confirmed by senior Israel Defence Force officers, who briefed the cabinet last week.

The report is the first indication that the PLO is cutting terrorist activities since Arafat explicitly renounced all forms of terrorism at the UN General Assembly session in Geneva on Dec. 14.

The IDF chief of staff, Gen. Dan Shomron, and other ranking IDF officers said Arafat's orders have been obeyed.

But at the same time, Arafat instructed his followers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to continue and intensify the Palestinian uprising.

The PLO seems to be in a quandary over continuing attacks along Israel's borders, because it does not want to spoil its newly won dialogue with the United States, based in large measure on Arafat's renunciation of terrorism.

Arafat has told the Americans, on the other hand, that the uprising is not terrorism and that, in any event, he has no control over it.

According to the IDF officers, the situation on the northern border remains unclear. They said they would not be surprised if some Fatah units joined more radical Palestinian groups attempting to infiltrate. The idea is to see how the United States would respond.

Meanwhile, Defence

Minister Yitzhak Rabin is reported to have resumed contacts with non-PLO Palestinians from the territories to explore the possibility of a dialogue excluding the PLO.

According to Haaretz, the meetings have taken place in Rabin's Tel Aviv office. The Palestinians have not been identified to protect them from reprisals.

One of the subjects discussed is the possibility of local elections in the territories from which a non-PLO Palestinian leadership could emerge. Haaretz military correspondent Dan Sagir said.

The PLO has forbidden discussions about Israeli-sponsored elections. Yet other Israeli officials are talking to Palestinians known to be supporters of Arafat.

Al Hamishmar reported that Deputy Finance Minister Yossi Beilin, a close associate of Shimon Peres, met recently with Palestinians described as pro-PLO centrists.

They included Hanna Sinjora, editor of the East Jerusalem Arabic daily Al-Fajr.

In addition, members of the civil administration in the territories, including Shmuel Goren, coordinator of activities, met recently with Arafat supporters, and members of both the Palestinian Communist Party and of Hamas, according to Al Hamishmar.

Hamas, a Moslem fundamentalist group, has challenged the PLO for leadership of West Bank Palestinians.

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Court clears way for construction

Jerusalem sports fans to get new soccer stadium

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

A 15-year struggle which has fueled secular-religious tensions in the capital ended last week when three High Court justices ruled that Jerusalem sports fans would not have to wait "until the Messiah comes" to get a new soccer stadium.

The justices ordered Interior Minister Arye Der'i (Shas) to sign the plan for a new stadium in the Manahat quarter. For more than a year and a half, the interior minister's signature has been the only formal obstacle to moving ahead on construction.

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek announced that the city's Hapoel and Betar soccer teams would be able to open their next season, which begins in September, in the new stadium. By then, municipal officials hope to have completed at least one major section of the stands. Optimists said that the stadium may even be completed in time for the playoffs at the end of this season.

"We will complete the construction of the stadium

as soon as possible," Kollek said. "I welcome with great satisfaction the High Court's decision, which recognized the justice of our long struggle."

Justice Hanoch Ariel wrote the decision ordering Der'i to approve the stadium plan, with Justice Aharon Barak and Avraham Halima concurring. Kollek, Knesset Member Dedi Zucker (Citizens Rights Movement) and the Municipal Soccer Stadium Organization were the petitioners in the case.

In his 30-page ruling, Ariel said that the interior ministry's reasons for holding up the plan were either unsubstantiated or unreasonable.

Der'i, who was director-general of the interior

ministry in the last government, had maintained that the ministry would not approve the plan until the impact of the stadium was considered in combination with all the other projects planned for the same area.

The municipality first proposed building a new soccer stadium in northern Jerusalem's Shuafat neighborhood in 1973. The plan was approved, and bulldozers began clearing the ground. But then-Prime Minister Menachem Begin intervened to halt the project in response to ultra-Orthodox objections. A new site in Katamon was selected, but that plan proved ill-fated as well.

Some of the strongest opponents of the Manahat stadium were religious residents of the Bayit Ve-

gan neighborhood who said that the stadium would shatter the tranquility of their Sabbath.

Municipality officials maintained that the Shas-controlled interior ministry was holding up the plan to

appease its ultra-Orthodox constituents in Bayit Vegan. They added that Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who was acting interior minister before the elections, dared not sign the plan because he needed

Shas's support for his coalition.

Reaction in ultra-Orthodox circles was muted, perhaps because Interior Minister Der'i was out of the country and the interior ministry refused to com-

ment in his absence. Shas's other cabinet representative, Absorption Minister Yitzhak Peretz, also declined to comment, noting only that this was the prerogative of the responsible minister, Der'i.

France seeks Nazi Brunner

PARIS (JTA) —

France has asked Syria for the extradition of Alois

Brunner, one of the last major Nazi war criminals known to be alive.

The French ambassador to Syria, Alain Grenier, presented the formal request to the Syrian authorities in Damascus on Dec. 27. Nazi-hunter, Serge Klarsfeld disclosed here.

Syria has denied for years any knowledge of Brunner's whereabouts, contrary to all evidence, including an interview Brunner gave to a Chicago Tribune reporter in Damascus last year.

Now France is exerting the full force of its diplomatic weight to bring him to justice, Klarsfeld said.

The French extradition request is based on new documents Klarsfeld filed with the ministry of justice in 1987.

The new file charges Brunner with crimes against humanity, which according to French law, are not covered by the statute of limitations, as are war crimes.

Klarsfeld used a similar complaint to obtain the trial and 1986 conviction of Klaus Barbie, the Butcher of Lyon who is now serving a life sentence in Lyon's Saint Joseph prison.

Brunner, 76, one of Adolf Eichmann's top aides, has been hiding out in Syria since the early 1950s.

A French court convicted him in absentia of war crimes in 1954 and sentenced him to death.

Brunner is held responsible for deporting over 100,000 Jews from Austria, Berlin, France and Greece to death camps in Eastern Europe.

West Germany asked Syria for Brunner's extradition in 1984. The Syrians claim that they know of no such person living in Syria.

But only last year, Brunner freely admitted to the Tribune reporter that he is the wanted Nazi.

Klarsfeld said that if Brunner is extradited, he could be tried in either France, West Germany or Greece, since he is wanted in all of those countries.

Israel tops Soviets in basketball

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The championship Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball team scored a historical triumph last week, as they beat the CSKA Red Army champions on their home court by a score of 97-92.

The contest was the first Israeli athletes have played in the Soviet Union since the USSR severed diplomatic relations with Israel 21 years ago.

The Israeli victory brought Maccabi a step closer to the European Cup Tournament finals. The Russians are eliminated, even if they win their re-match with Maccabi in Tel Aviv in March.

The outcome of the game created euphoria in Israel, where a large part of the population glued it-

self to radios and TVs to hear the live broadcast by Israeli sports commentators from the Moscow stadium.

Jews from all over the Soviet Union came to Moscow to attend the game, reports from the Soviet capital said.

The Maccabi team was described as tense but confident as the zero hour approached. Relations between the rival teams were "warm, open and friendly," according to broadcast interviews with the players.

The CSKA treated the Israeli visitors to dinner and the Bolshoi Ballet.

The Israelis held two practice games in Moscow, and then watched their rivals during home team practice.

The Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN:

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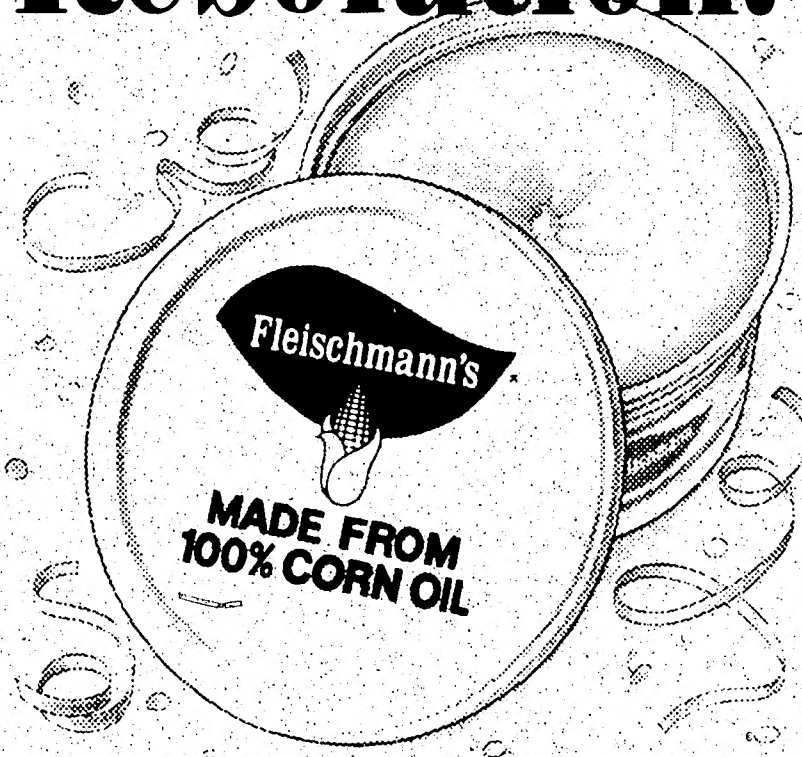
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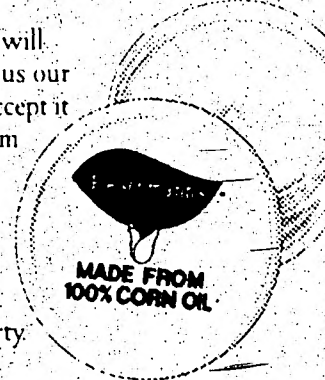
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Israelis "fascinated by Canadian situation"

Hebrew University sponsors racism conference

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Israeli academics who attended a 3-day conference in Jerusalem on racial incitement and the law were particularly interested in Canadian legislation designed to overcome prejudice, an Ontario Supreme Court justice said recently.

Justice Walter Tarnopolsky, who along with about

a dozen other Canadians in the legal and academic fraternity attended the recent conference, said Israelis he met were concerned with protecting the rights of the country's Arab minority and examined employing human rights codes to do so.

He said Israeli legislation in the human rights field is designed to ban from Knesset (parliament) elections parties that advocate racism

(used to prevent Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach Party from contesting the Nov. 1 election). Israeli law also allows the Knesset Speaker or deputy speaker to rule racist bills invalid.

Tarnopolsky, an expert in constitutional law, recently returned from the conference held under the auspices of the Hebrew University's program of Canadian studies, an ongoing program sponsored

jointly by the Canadian government and Ralph and Roz Halbert of Toronto.

This year's annual parley focused on legislation dealing with racism and hate in both countries and examined topics such as freedom of speech and the social and political context of racist propaganda.

The Israeli participants "were fascinated by the Canadian situation," said history Prof. Irving Abella of York University,

who also attended.

Abella, who delivered a paper on racism and hate propaganda in Canada, said some of the Israeli participants didn't expect Canada to have problems of racism and they were "astonished" by the extent of Holocaust denial.

The Israeli participants were also interested in Canadian legislation preventing racist messages over the telephone, he said. Among the Canadian

participants at the conference were McGill University law Prof. Irwin Cotler, Montreal lawyer Michel Proulx, former Justice Minister Mark MacGuigan, now of the Federal Court of Appeal in Ottawa, Prof. Ron Sklar of McGill, Prof. Kathleen Mahoney of the University of Calgary, Prof. Louis Greenspan and Cyril Levitt of McMaster University in Hamilton and Prof. Bruce Elman of the University of

Alberta in Edmonton.

The conference convenor was David Kretzmer, Louis Marshall professor of law at the Hebrew University, while among the Hebrew University professors who participated was former Israeli Attorney General Itzhak Zamir.

Conference delegates were entertained at the home of James Bartleman, Canada's ambassador to Israel.

Egged seeks govt. help

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Israel's largest public transportation company, in dire financial straits, has appealed to the government for a bailout.

The Egged bus cooperative's debts are in excess of \$200 million, owed mainly to banks and suppliers of fuel and other items.

According to Egged officials, the debt is growing by \$6 million a month, and will not be covered by the higher fares that go into effect this week.

The Treasury has made

an emergency transfer of \$1.25 million to cover fuel purchases to keep the buses rolling for the next little while.

The ubiquitous Egged, Israel's largest cooperative enterprise, provides nationwide interurban bus service and local service in every city but Tel Aviv, which has its own Dan bus cooperative.

Its management has come in for severe criticism, considering Egged's virtual monopoly of public transportation in Israel.

But management replies

that the monopoly is less than a blessing since the government determines the fares, lays down the routes and sets the timetables. Officials say they are forced to maintain service on many outlying routes that are not profitable.

Critics contend that Egged could reduce its debt

by selling off property, including land it uses for parking lots and bus stations.

But those facilities would only have to be leased back, and paying rent to private landlords would not ease the financial burden, management says.

Nakash set to be retried

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

William Nakash, who was extradited to France from Israel in 1987, is to be retried in France next month for the 1983 murder of Abdalla Hakar in Beisancon.

Nakash's Israeli attorney, Roland Roth, told The Jerusalem Post that his client is in Lure, a maximum security jail near the town of Dijon, and apparently enjoying good health and special treatment.

Those opposed to his extradition claimed that, if

imprisoned in France, Nakash would be in mortal danger of being murdered by Arab inmates. There has been no evidence that those fears were justified.

According to Roth, Nakash is in solitary confinement, apparently for his own protection. Nakash's wife Rina, who played a central role in the fight against extradition, is now staying with their 7-month-old infant at her husband's parents' home in France.

Bush chooses pro-Israel pair

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —

President-elect George Bush's appointment of two former Reagan administration foreign affairs specialists to high state department posts has cheered friends of Israel and incurred coolness from elements frequently critical of Israel.

• Lawrence Eagleburger, a close associate of former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, was selected to be deputy to James Baker, the secretary of state-designate.

• Daniel Ross, a former member of the National Security Council staff who was advisor on foreign policy to Bush in his election campaign, was named director of the state department's policy planning staff.

Both Eagleburger and

Ross have been supporters of firm strategic association between the U.S. and Israel and advocates of Washington's backing for measures aiding Israel's position as a reliable ally in the Middle East for American interests.

Eagleburger was undersecretary of state for political affairs, the third highest post in the state department in the Reagan administration before he retired in 1984 to become president of Kissinger Associates Inc., an international consulting organization. He thus becomes the second Kissinger associate to be named by Bush to a top post in his administration, the other being Brent Scowcroft, who will be Bush's national security advisor. Scowcroft also served as an aide to Kissinger while in government service and as an executive in Kissinger Associates.

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Arising between Israel and the Diaspora

Emigration creates tensions

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

A roundup of Soviet Jewry news...

Large increases in Soviet Jewish emigration are resulting in tensions between Israel and the Diaspora as worry mounts about the tremendous costs of absorbing the immigrants, says a Jewish Telegraphic Agency report.

The tension came to a head last week in New York where Jewish Agency officials held an executive committee meeting.

The meeting was led by Simcha Dinitz, chairman of the World Zionist Organization-Jewish Agency Executive.

Dinitz made it clear that he objects to any efforts by American philanthropic agencies to divert funds normally allocated to Israel and other overseas needs to pay for the rising costs of refugee resettlement.

About half of the funds collected by federations and the United Jewish Appeal in North America are channelled into overseas needs. Those funds account for two-thirds of the Jewish Agency's total budget.

As many as 38,000 Soviet Jews are expected to leave the Soviet Union this year, compared to almost 19,000 last year. To the chagrin of Israeli leaders, 90% will likely choose to settle in the U.S.

The cost to the American



Leonid Lubman

Jewish community of resettling those immigrants could be as high as \$140 million (U.S.), according to some estimates.

Dinitz strongly objects to any effort by federations to skim off their allocations to the United Jewish Appeal to pay for domestic resettlement.

He also objects to a "separate line campaign," a proposal to hold a simultaneous appeal for resettlement funds in addition to the annual UJA drive.

Jewish Agency officials are concerned such a campaign would dilute total gift giving. Instead, Dinitz suggested that federations dip into their capital funds and investments to make up the shortfall.

Toronto's Beth Tikvah Congregation has adopted a former Leningrad economist, who has been imprisoned in the Soviet gulag since 1978.

Leonid Lubman, 52,

was tried in a closed courtroom and sentenced to 13 years in a strict regimen prison camp for "treason to the motherland," after applying in 1976 for an exit visa to Israel.

Only court officials and a KGB-appointed lawyer attended the trial and details of the proceedings are not known.

He was arrested after unsuccessfully attempting to get a manuscript on Soviet economic and sociological problems published abroad.

"It's a very sad case," said Stan Solomon, Beth Tikvah's Soviet Jewry chairman.

"He's probably one of the last Prisoners of Zion still there."

Letters of support may be sent to Lubman at Pemskaia Oblast 618810, Chusovskoy r-n Vsesvetskaya V/S-389/35, USSR.

The shul is also still attempting to aid Moscow Refusenik Boris Chernobitsky, a former Prisoner of Zion, and his family in winning exit visas.

The Chernobitskys — including Boris' wife, Elena, their three children and son-in-law — have already received an official card from the Moscow OVIR exit visa office granting them permission to emigrate.

But Soviet officials have refused to give them exit visas after discovering a 13-year-old letter in the family's file from Elena's

elderly mother who at the time refused to sign a waiver releasing Elena of financial obligations.

A new book published recently by the Moscow-based Novosti Press Agency is anti-semitic, charges the New York-based Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.

The book, entitled Zionism: Preaching and Practice by Yuri Andreyev, is a "virulent diatribe," which claims among other things that Israel is a typical capitalistic state ruled by the 'big bourgeoisie' which is guided by the reactionary and aggressively nationalistic Zionism philosophy, and that the conflict between Israel's Jews and Arabs exposes the racist nature of Zionism's ideology and policy.

The book's cover depicts a 'savage-looking, gun-toting Israeli soldier on the front, and soldiers armed with machine guns guarding Arab prisoners on the back, the SSSJ news release says. The title page shows Arab prisoners behind barbed wire.

A copy of the book was recently obtained by an American visitor to the USSR where it was openly available to tourists.

However, in a written response, Soviet journalist Viacheslav Bogdanov says the SSSJ is "obviously attempting to convince its (news release) readership that the Novosti publication was a kind of 'officially-sponsored anti-semitism.'"

"To achieve the desired effect, the SSSJ provided its readers with a few quotations from the book, but omitted the context from which they were taken," says Bogdanov, a former assistant press attaché at the Soviet embassy in Ottawa who now works for the Novosti Press Agency in Moscow.

The SSSJ fails to provide a list of even a few of the crimes perpetrated by Israeli soldiers against Palestinians and other peoples in the territories of Jordan, Egypt, Syria, Libya, Lebanon and Tunis between 1953 and 1985, which resulted in more than 2,000 deaths, hundreds of woundings and much destruction, Bogdanov alleges.

Such a list is provided in Andreyev's book, he says.

Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple is launching a worldwide campaign to help Moscow Refuseniks Emanuel and Judith Lurie emigrate from the USSR.

A telegram blitz will be held on Jan. 25 when people will be asked to send messages to the Soviet government asking for the family's release, says Shirley Hanick, the temple's new Soviet Jewry chairman.

Telegrams may be sent to Yuri Rechetev, Consular Dept., Ministry of External Affairs, Smolenskaya-Sennaya Ploshad, 32-34, Moscow, 121200, USSR.

For more information, call Hanick at (416) 781-7858 or Gaye Stein at (416) 787-6471.

Jewish Agency responds to Soviet emigration rise

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The Jewish Agency for Israel has announced its plans to deal with the costs of a huge increase in the number of Jews being allowed out of the Soviet Union.

The program, outlined in a document unanimously adopted after a 2-day meeting of its Executive here, calls for improvements in housing and services for new immigrants to Israel.

The document also suggested that the improvements, to cost an estimated \$100 million, would be funded in part through a special campaign undertaken by the United Jewish Appeal and its international counterpart, the Keren Hayesod.

The program does not, however, tackle what is to North American Jewish communities the more dire issue: how to pay for the resettlement of the 90% of Soviet emigres who choose to live in the United States and Canada rather than Israel.

Instead, the Executive announced that it has been requested to take part in a working team to "establish a mechanism" for meeting the increasing costs of Soviet resettlement in North America. The cost could be as high as \$140 million.

Simcha Dinitz, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, made it clear at a news conference that "the Jewish Agency was not es-

tablished in order to assist the absorption of Jews in Milwaukee, Chicago or Detroit."

He also acknowledged that it is up to the individual Jewish federations across North America to determine how much of locally raised money will be allocated to Israeli needs and how much will go to local resettlement efforts.

In the days prior to the meeting, Jewish Agency officials expressed anxiety that the federation would begin cutting back their allocations to the United Jewish Appeal, in favour of local Soviet Jewry resettlement.

Money funneled from the UJA to the Jewish Agency accounts for two-thirds of the agency's \$400 million budget.

Even without further cutbacks, the Jewish Agency could face a budgetary shortfall this year of over \$40 million, Dinitz explained.

Also taking part in the news conference was Mendel Kaplan, chairman of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors. He stressed that the Jewish Agency does not want to see the needs of those resettling in the Diaspora "to be met by resources that were to come to Israel."

Instead, he said the team being formed to address the problem would explore other ways to meet those

needs. The Executive's suggestions include finding ways to reduce the federations' costs of resettlement, that federation dip into endowment funds or other capital funds, and that help to arriving Soviet Jews be offered in the form of loans.

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

Jewish groups have expressed displeasure and concern that President Reagan has increased the number of Soviet refugees allowed to enter the United States by decreasing the numbers for Southeast Asian refugees.

They urged the incoming administration of President-elect George Bush and Congress to accord priority to finding a solution.

David Harris, Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee, stressed that U.S. government faces an enormous problem on refugees.

"Nonetheless, it is unfortunate to seek to pit, however unwittingly, two deserving groups against each other," Harris said.

Pamela Cohen, national president of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, said her group expressed appreciation for Reagan's increase in the ceiling for Soviet refugees.

"However, we are totally opposed to his decision to do so at the expense of equally deserving refugees from other parts of the world," Cohen said.

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Revamped version of autonomy plan mooted

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sible for direct talks between Israel and its neighbors.

Yosef Ben-Aharon, directed general of the Prime Minister's Office, said the question of auspices was "marginal," as long as the talks themselves are direct.

The Jerusalem Post quoted him as citing the UN role in bringing about a cease fire in the Iran-Iraq war as a precedent worth studying.

Government sources are stressing, however, that Israel will make no concessions toward the PLO or to the idea of withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

They indicated that Shamir and Arens will eventually produce a revamped, more generous version of Israel's long-standing autonomy plan, rejected in talks with Egypt under the now defunct Camp David framework.

There is also renewed talk in government circles of holding elections in the territories and an explicit readiness of Israel to talk to the elected Palestinian representatives.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin was reported last week to have resumed his own discreet meetings with non-PLO Palestinian figures from the territories.

In Paris, Arens blasted the PLO at a news conference. He alleged it has "perpetuated some of the worst atrocities since the second World War."

He said the Israeli government considers the PLO to be the "umbrella organization for some 10 to 15 of the worst terrorist organizations" with which any contact is out of the question.

He contended that con-

Histadrut may strike over prices

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Dec. 1 level.

The order affects certain kinds of bread, parking lots and barber shops.

But most of the products that went up in price are produced or marketed by monopolies. They include coffee, tea, flour, chocolate, beer, cigarettes and salt.

Histadrut may call a general strike next month to protest the increases. It also may reverse its reported willingness to make concessions with respect to cost-of-living allowances for wage earners.

But Histadrut is in an awkward position, economists have noted. Whereas its consent was essential in the past to put through economic reforms, the precarious financial condition of many Histadrut-owned industries makes it hostage to the Treasury.

Histadrut therefore is unlikely to wage an all-out war on Peres' program. Despite its threats, it will come to terms with the new hardships, the economists say.

tacts by other countries with the PLO give it a certain amount of respectability and recognition. According to Arens, that is counterproductive to the search for peace in the Middle East.

Arens said he relayed that point of view to all of the foreign leaders he met in Paris.

He may have clashed on that issue with Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz of Turkey, which recognized the independent Palestinian state proclaimed by PLO chief Yasser Arafat in Algiers in November.

Arens reportedly told the Turkish foreign minister, whose country has diplomatic relations with Israel, that its position is considered unfriendly.

Egypt, meanwhile, has imposed five conditions for a visit by President Hosni Mubarak to Israel, according to the Lebanese weekly Al-Hiyyat published in London.

The conditions were contained in an Egyptian government note recently passed from Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed

Netanyahu urges spurning of PLO

[Cont'd. from page 1]

Arabs that live there, but we can't proceed on the road world opinion is sending us."

For the first time in four years — and despite some dissent among Israeli politicians — an Israeli foreign ministry official is now able to present to an American audience policies consistent with those of the Prime Minister.

Under the previous national unity government, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and then Foreign Minister Shimon Peres were often at odds on for-

Bassiouny to Foreign Minister Moshe Arens.

In a dispatch from Cairo, the paper lists the conditions as:

- Israel's acceptance of the proposal for an international peace conference on the Middle East, as voiced by Shimon Peres to Mubarak at their September 1986 meeting in Alexandria.

- Israel's agreement to negotiate with the PLO and recognition of the PLO's right to take part in any international negotiations for peace in the region.

- Israel's agreement to pacify the territories by refraining from harsh acts against the Palestinian population.

- An Israeli commitment to accept in advance the results of international negotiations, to block any move to turn such talks into a nonbinding formal procedure.

- Israel's agreement that a solution of the regional conflict should include a general accommodation taking in all parties to the conflict, without fragment-

eign policy issues.

Nevertheless, Knesset members have disagreed strongly on whether the United States should be talking with the PLO, or indeed whether Israel should one day recognize Arafat's group as a negotiating partner.

Netanyahu's presence on the CJE broadcast was not an attempt to advocate one side of a highly divisive issue in Israel, said Donald Feldstein, associate executive vice-president of CJE.

Rather, it was an "informational" broadcast by a popular Israeli figure for the benefit of federation leaders.

ing the Arab issue.

In addition, the Egyptians want Israel to prove its good intentions by refraining from laying down any preconditions not consistent

with the need for an international and regional resolution of the issue.

The Lebanese weekly describes the five points in the Egyptian note as being

"not real conditions, but a framework which Israel's government must accept before any visit by Mubarak to Israel."

After receiving the

Egyptian conditions, Israel promptly notified Cairo they were unacceptable, and summoned its ambassador to Egypt home for consultations.

Sharansky on 91 conference:

Press Soviets over rights

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

Natan Sharansky, the former Soviet Prisoner of Conscience, warned last week that the Reagan administration's decision to attend a human rights conference in Moscow in 1991 could result in a major public relations coup for the Soviet Union.

"With all those nice changes that are taking place, the Soviet Union is still very far from those norms of civilized societies," Sharansky told reporters at the White House, after a meeting with President Reagan.

He said that during the next two years, the West must press the Soviet Union for increased improvements in human rights and to ensure that the Moscow conference is open to human rights groups.

At the brief Oval Office meeting, attended by President-elect George Bush and Secretary of State George Shultz, Reagan presented Sharansky with identical congressional gold medals for himself and his wife, Avital.

Sharansky said his wife remained home in Jerusalem to take care of their two daughters, 1-month-old Chana and 2-year-old Rachel.

He was accompanied to the White House by his mother, Ida Milgrom, and his brother, Leonid, now an engineer in Des Moines, Iowa.

The medals, which con-

tain the words Let My People Go, in Hebrew and English, and feature a picture of the Western Wall, were authorized by Congress on May 13, 1986, three months after Sharansky was allowed to leave the USSR in an East-West prisoner exchange. He had served nearly nine years in Soviet prisons and labor camps.

Sharansky said that Reagan told him that his struggle for human rights and Avital Sharansky's effort to free him were "important as a symbol of the struggle of the people of the world for human rights."

Sharansky said he praised Reagan for being strong, stubborn and consistent on

human rights, and he urged Bush to continue this effort.

He said while he could not predict what Bush will do, the President-elect "has a very good record on Soviet Jewry. Ethiopian Jewry and other questions of human rights in the Soviet Union." He noted that both he and his wife had met several times privately with Bush.

On other issues, Sharansky said he did not think now was the appropriate time for the United States to consider a waiver of the 1974 Jackson-Vanik amendment, which denies the Soviet Union most-favored-nation trade

privileges until it makes substantial progress on increasing Jewish emigration.

"I don't think the time has come to change the Jackson amendment," he said. "There are quite clear conditions."

While he did not spell out those conditions, Sharansky has said previously that annual Jewish emigration would have to rise to 50,000 before the amendment could be waived. Nearly 19,000 were allowed to emigrate last year, the highest annual figure since 1980.

"There are still hundreds of thousands of Jews" waiting to emigrate, he said.



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Organizations and People

Doctor says legal system ill-equipped to make these decisions

Courts should stay out of the euthanasia issue

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Fear that the courts will decide whether a patient has the right to euthanasia was recently expressed by Dr. Mark Greenberg, director of Clinical Oncology, Hospital for Sick Children.

"The legal system is ill-equipped and designed to make these decisions," he said.

In cases where patients are asking that their demise be hastened, Rabbi Howard Sacknovitz, guidance director of the Community Hebrew Aca-

demy, suggested that Jewish doctors should turn to halacha for guidance.

Both were speaking at a meeting on Ethics of Euthanasia, sponsored by the Young Health Professionals of the United Jewish Appeal at the Lipa Green Building.

Greenberg, a pediatrician, said he believes in the right of a patient to make a free and informed choice about his life. Unfortunately, he added, society depends on "legally slanted" decisions which often are against the patient's wishes. "Euthanasia is one of

the most difficult issues I have encountered," Sacknovitz said. "It is a moral not a medical question. It is not the patient's right to decide. He has an obligation to G-d. G-d gave him life. The patient can't say 'I'll do what I want.'"

Greenberg related the case of a non-Jewish girl with terminal illness whose parents were asked if the life support systems should be stopped. "The mother said she would like to consider the question. The father said 'G-d will decide.' She lived another two months. Does suffering purify the soul?"

The notion of hastening death to end suffering is against society's wishes, Greenberg said.

Rabbi Sacknovitz said it is often asked whether a patient's death can be hastened to relieve suffering or lift a financial burden from the family.

"This is basically suicide," he said. "Jewish tradition does not permit suicide. May the physician speed death? No, the doctor cannot do this — in Jewish terms it is murder."

Greenberg told of a girl who at age 12 had a kidney transplant, but whose body ultimately rejected the transplant and she had to have it removed when she was 14. "She has been suffering terribly from renal

failure and she has been on dialysis. She is now 15 years and 9 months old and she told her doctor 'when I'm 16, I want out.'"

Cultural and other factors compound the matter of life and death, he said. What should a doctor do, Greenberg asked his audience, when a mother asks that her terminally ill child be kept alive at least until her husband's trial is over to mitigate the sentence.

Sacknovitz said it is permissible to take insulin away from a terminally ill diabetic, but the doctor must not withhold food, water or oxygen. "Some rabbis say passive euthanasia is permissible, when the question of pain overcomes the withholding of treatment," he said.

Greenberg said he did not want to discuss active or passive euthanasia because he found it akin to counting the number of angels on the head of a pin.

Asked if passive euthanasia might apply to a patient in a comatose state, Sacknovitz agreed saying a high ranking rabbinical authority on Jewish medical ethics has stated that there may be pain in a comatose state.

Canadian Jews will be asked to raise \$5 million "in new money" to help Soviet Jews settle in Cana-

da, Mark Gryfe, UJA campaign director, said in a brief report to the meeting. The last UJA campaign was so successful that on a per capita basis Toronto leads the world, Gryfe said.

The intifada has cost Israel \$300 for every man,

woman and child in the country, he said, "and the Israel economy is strained as never before."

The speakers were thanked by Dr. David Malkin. Dr. Janice Weiss was chairman. Other members of the organizing com-

mittee were Howard Stevens, health professions' coordinator for UJA, and Drs. Brian Goldman, Jack Kohl, Arthur Rotenberg, Risa Freeman, Leslie Corrin, Steve Gottesman, David Burstein and Valerie Rackow.

Mankowitz to speak on Jewish identity

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —

Ze'ev Mankowitz is coming once again to his "favorite city." The date is Tuesday, Jan. 31 when he will be the keynote speaker for the The Harry Posen Memorial Lecture at Holy Blossom Temple, at 8 p.m. Shifting Patterns of Jewish Identity will be his topic.

Mankowitz, who teaches at Hebrew University and is an affiliate of the Melton Centre for Jewish Education in the Diaspora, is a much sought-after speaker in Toronto's Jewish academic and communal circles.

An eloquent speaker on the Holocaust, Mankowitz has presided at numerous seminars for students and youth groups visiting Israel.

A historian with a special interest in pluralism, Mankowitz will focus on the varieties of Jewish identity in the contemporary world. He will discuss the factors that promote and inhibit various forms of Jewish identity, primarily as they relate to Diaspora Jewry.

Mankowitz contends that "the Jewish people are at the threshold of a

new era that carries tremendous promise as well as dangerous pitfalls."

In his lecture, Mankowitz hopes to focus on "how we might cultivate the promise and avoid the pitfalls."

The public is invited to attend the evening program which is jointly sponsored by The Harry Posen Memorial Lecture and Toronto Jewish Congress/United Jewish Appeal.

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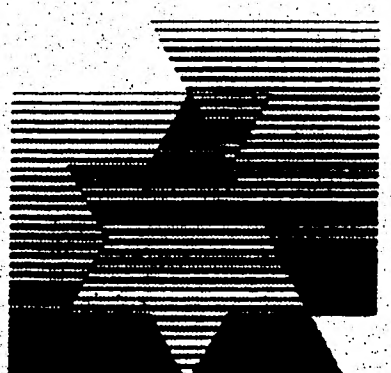
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Organizations and People

Jews of North Yemen need help, says activist

By
CASSANDRA FREEMAN

NEW YORK —

A rabbi's wife in North Yemen has been abducted and forced to marry a Moslem, says a representative of the Yemenite community in Israel.

The incident took place several months ago but was only recently revealed through a letter smuggled out of Yemen by a tourist. David Shucker, chairman of the Public Council for Yemenite Jewry, distributed the letter at the North American Jewish Students' Network convention held here last month.

The rabbi, whose name is withheld for his protection, wrote the letter to his two brothers-in-law who are living in Israel.

In a mixture of Arabic and Hebrew, the rabbi writes, "I am asking you in all the words of the world that his letter be taken to the attention of the government of the Jewish state or to any human being in the world willing or able to help us."

The rabbi writes that his wife was abducted several months ago while she was visiting her parents' village. The "sheikh (head) of the village" drove away



David Shucker

with his wife as she was on her way to the well one morning, and forced her to marry him that same day, he writes.

Ironically, this sheikh was the very one assigned to the traditional Yemenite role of protecting the Jews in the area, the rabbi writes.

Since the kidnapping, the rabbi writes that he has spent 120,000 rials (the equivalent of \$13,000 U.S.) in his "legal attempts" to free his wife. He can no longer visit her parents' village, he writes, for fear that the local sheikhs will band together and "slaughter" him.

"Our Arab neighbors are telling us that they

will take from us even the old women," the rabbi writes.

The rabbi is one of an estimated 2,000 to 6,000 Jews living in North Yemen today. His two sisters left the country in 1961 just before the civil war. Since then, no Jew has ever been permitted to leave North Yemen.

During an interview at the convention, Shucker said there are about 300 Jewish families in Israel who have relatives

stranded in North Yemen. These people have not seen their mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sons or daughters in 26 years or more, he said.

During this time the quality of life for the Jews of North Yemen has slowly deteriorated. Shucker said: Imports and modern fashions have lessened the demand for their silver artisanship, and the use of plastics and other materials has replaced the need for their hand-made leather

goods.

In the capital, Sa'ana, Jews are "supervised" by groups of Arabs while selling their wares to tourists, and a few years ago two Jews were sent to jail for several months for asking tourists for holy books. Shucker said.

In 1982, many Palestinians left Lebanon and settled in Yemen. Shucker said. Today, their presence in North Yemen is having a negative impact on the traditional Yemenite toler-

ance of the Jewish minority.

The rabbi writes, "every week new persecutions are burdened on us. They consider the dogs better than us since they started to listen to the radio and to see the TV about the Arab repression in Israel. They say they will retaliate against us for everything that is done to their brothers there."

Israel is powerless to help the Jews of North Ye-

men since it has no diplomatic ties with that country. Shucker said.

Therefore, both he and the Yemenite community in Israel are appealing to Americans and Canadians to protest the treatment of Yemenite Jewry through their government.

For information on how to aid the Jews of North Yemen, write the National Coalition for the Rescue of Yemenite Jewry, 271 First Ave., New York, NY 10003.

Hillel House vandalized again

By
AVI HYMAN

TORONTO —

The Hillel House at the University of Toronto has been vandalized again for the sixth time in two years.

The House, which is located on Spadina Ave., south of Harbord St., had its characteristic blue U of T identity sign stolen sometime over the recent holiday.

Police were notified by Hillel staff.

It is the second time in two years that the two by five foot sign has been stolen.

An insurance investigation is now under way to determine whether or not the act should be considered vandalism or simple theft.

If the investigation determines that the act was one of simple theft, insurance will not pay for the replacement of the \$500 hand-made sign.

Part of the sign, a protective plexiglass cover, had to be replaced last April after a series of vicious rock-throwing and spray-painting attacks, coinciding with the announcement of John Demjanjuk's conviction, left the sign unreadable.

The Law and the Holocaust, a series being presented by Montreal Hillel, gets off the ground with a lecture by Irwin Cotler on January 23rd at McGill's Leacock Building.

Cotler's topic, International Law and the Holocaust, is the first of four lectures being held at various locations in the city,

including the McGill campus and the Universite de Montreal campus.

The other speakers include Dr. Benjamin Freedman, Raul Hilberg, and Claude-Armand Sheppard.

The Jewish Students Federation at York University is organizing a Made In Israel Day on February 1.

The event is one of many scheduled as part of their annual campus Israel Week, this year entitled Faces of Israel.

Made in Israel Day will feature products and representatives of Israeli companies, including such big ticket names as Gottex, of swim apparel fame.

Montreal Hillel is organizing a big presentation entitled Modern Israel — An Ancient Nation Reborn, for the entire month of February.

The display, designed by Israeli architects Dror Bendov and Natan Kirpitznikoss, will show aspects of Israel, through photographs, religious objects, archaeological artifacts and hightech resources.

According to Steve Spodek of Montreal Hillel, the month long event, being held at the McLennan-Redpath Libraries of McGill University, will coincide with other Israel fairs and programs at McGill and Concordia Universities.

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Organizations and People

Ontario senior citizens group gaining more political clout

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

The growing number of senior citizens and their ability to rally in large numbers almost guarantees this group will gain more political clout, says the president of the Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations.

Stan Sugarbroad, president of the provincial organization which takes in over 300,000 senior citizens in 30 organizations, said there is a type of "gray power" emerging as the elderly prove they can rally in significant numbers to protect their interests.

This is expected to increase as the number of senior citizens increases. While there are 2.6 million seniors in Canada today, this segment of the population is expected to swell in the future.

By the turn of the century, the number of those over 65 is expected to grow to 4 million and should be up to 6 million by 2021 and 7.5 million by 2031 when 25% of the population will be seniors.

In Metro Toronto alone, the number of senior citizens is expected to increase from the present level of about 222,000 to 455,000 in 2021.

This trend should also be noticed in the Ontario's Jewish community as today's "yuppies" become tomorrow's "gray panthers."

While Ontario's Jewish population today accounts for 1.41% of the total, it will decline to 1.07% in 2011. This, together with the fact the "baby boom" generation will be approaching retirement age, means that seniors will also make up a larger percent-

tage of the Jewish community.

"Senior citizens are an emerging force," said Sugarbroad. "I think we're seeing the beginning of what will be a big movement."

This movement started in 1985 when Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's government attempted to de-index senior citizens' pensions. It was then that seniors began to rally their forces and become so vocal that the federal government was forced to back off its proposal.

AJS played key role

After their victory, Sugarbroad said the Association of Jewish Seniors — where he serves as chairman of the social action committee — played a major role in uniting the various players into a coalition to ensure that all would move in the same direction when dealing with governments in the future.

As well as the key role played by AJS in the formation of the Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations, Sugarbroad said the Federation of Italian Canadian Seniors has been active, as has the Canadian Hearing Society.

Since 1985, Sugarbroad said OCSCO has been involved in a number of political issues on the federal and provincial scene including the reform of nursing homes in Ontario and debates on age discrimination, extra-billing and free trade.

Looking at the latter issue, Sugarbroad said OCSCO is concerned about any cuts in social programs which arise because of the free trade agreement which it opposes. As such, he said the organization will strongly oppose any attempt to water down social programs. However, he added, they want to see what the government is planning before acting.

In dealing with Ottawa, Sugarbroad noted that federal officials now pay more attention to senior citizens.

He said that during a meeting of One Voice — a network of Canadian senior citizens organizations OCSCO is affiliated with — representatives were able to meet with senior policy analysts from George Hees office when the minister of state for senior citizens was unable to attend.

In the coming session of Parliament, which is expected to start in March, Sugarbroad said they hope to meet with the new seniors' minister to express their concern about the increasing cost of brand name drugs.

He said this resulted from the passage of Bill C-22 which placed controls on the development of generic drugs. New drugs coming onto the Canadian market are now given 10 years of protection against lower-priced generic prescription drugs.

He said they would like to see the government control the rate of increase of drugs through the Drug Patent Review Board.

He added that the government should also increase its support for much needed affordable housing through the Canada Mort-

gage and Housing Corp.

Sugarbroad said AJS, as one of the backers of the Dorothy Klein Seniors Housing Project, remains committed to the need for affordable housing for seniors. As a result, it has struck up two committees to examine the possibility of developing a second continuum of care facility which would include a retirement home and homes for seniors citizens.

The Dorothy Klein Seniors Housing Project in the Bathurst-Eglinton area, will include the 125-bedroom Dorothy Klein Seniors Housing apartment, a retirement home and a 1-storey amenity building.

At Queen's Park, Sugarbroad said OCSCO met with Ontario Health Minister Eleanor Caplan last year to discuss health problems of Indian bands in the province.

Besides Caplan, Sugarbroad said OCSCO has met with many key ministers in the Ontario cabinet including Community and Social Services Minister John Sweeney and Mavis Wilson, minister responsible for senior citizens affairs.

Sugarbroad said the provincial seniors' minister supported the organization's view that more could be done for the elderly in their own homes and conducted an investigation which showed that over 55% of seniors in institutions don't require such care.

With the growing numbers of seniors in the province, Sugarbroad said he would like to see Wilson's ministry have more power to deal with issues affecting senior citizens.

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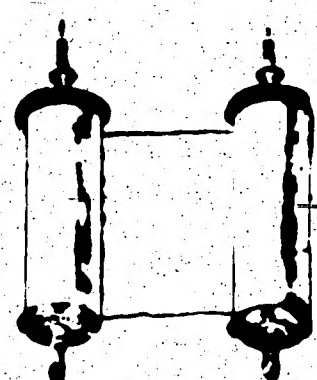
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By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Be'shalach/Shabbat Shirah/Tu B'Shevat
Life is not always easy. When heavy waves roll our way, we must stand up and ride them with dignity and faith.

Taught the holy Baal Shem Tov: How shall we face *tzoras*? Not like a certain woman who was expecting a baby. The labor pains began, and she suffered greatly.

"I can't take this!" she moaned. "I'm moving to the next town!"

It would be nice if we could move to the next town when problems attack us, but like the expectant woman, the labor pains of living follow us wherever we go.

This week's parsha describes the Israelites' flight from Egypt. They were scarcely out of the land, when: "U'Pharaoh hikriv! . . . And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the Children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians were marching after them and they were afraid . . . and the Children of Israel cried out to the Lord. . . ." (Shmot 14:10)

They "cried out to the Lord . . ." Why? But — explains the Baal Shem Tov — they thought that when they left Egypt they had left their *tzoras* behind, they had left their oppressor. They ran away! But, lo — there was the oppressor running right after them!

What to do? Run away even further? The Israelites couldn't run far enough. They turned their heads heavenward and "cried out to the Lord. . . ."

Have we forgotten the power of prayer? *Rachmonah leebah ba'ee* . . . the Merciful One seeks the heart, not just words mumbled from page 19 to 59, but a few words that come from faith and feeling and pain and truth.

The Torah describes the Great March of Israelites who went out of Egypt.

"V'chamusheem . . . and the Children of Israel, went *chamusheem* from the Land of Egypt. . . ." (Shmot 13:18)

What does that mean "*chamusheem*"?

The plain meaning is that they went out "armed," with swords and spears. But when did the Israelites fight against the Egyptians militarily? But we find in other places that the "arms" of the Jews were their voices, voices of supplication, voices of prayer. When Jacob described the city of Shechem that he captured "*bi'charbee u'vikashee*" — with my sword and my bow, the Targum translates it to mean "my prayers and supplication."

For a Jew, everything must work together. A person cannot sit on their hands and wait for miracles. But are we not *maaminim bnay maaminim* . . . believers, the children of believers . . . people of faith?

This is a joyous time for us. Shabbat is Tu B'Shevat, Shabbat Shirah, the time of song, the New Year for Israel's trees. But two million trees were burned down in Israel's forests last year. We must replace them by planting new trees through the Jewish National Fund.

But we must also not forget that we have another power, the power of the voice, the power of song, the power to supplicate Heaven on behalf of ourselves and our brothers and sisters in Israel that the Almighty protect the Holy Land from its enemies.

Every Jew should voice a prayer for Israel each day — *Hashem, help us!*

May we see peace over Jerusalem soon, amen! Shabbat Shalom, Chag Sameach!



Rabbi Gottesman

Initiates new program

JF & CS deals with intermarriage

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

To deal with the reality that about 25% of Jews are marrying outside their faith, Jewish Family & Child Service is initiating a program to deal with the problems arising from intermarriage.

Gordon Wolfe, executive director of JF & CS, said that as much as he and the agency wished that intermarriage did not exist, it is a fact of life and must be dealt with like any other social problem.

"These couples are often struggling with the difficulty of two religions coming together, as well as the usual problems which confront other marriages," Wolfe said, pointing out that some of these problems remain even if the non-Jewish partner chooses to convert to Judaism.

"They still bring a lot of their background and roots into the marriage, as well as their family," Wolfe added.

celebrated.

To deal with all these issues, JF & CS will offer a 6-week program for five to six couples beginning Feb. 21. The program will run from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. each week and costs \$40 a person.

Wolfe said the program will operate in a support group format to allow participants to share their experiences and help each other. A coordinator from JF & CS will lead discussions and make suggestions along the way.

Wolfe said that while some may be concerned that JF & CS is condoning intermarriage by offering the program, it is doing anything but.

"We're opposed to divorce also, but operate divorce mediation programs," he said. "We're trying to deal with social problems in the community."

For further information on the intermarriage program call Freda at JF & CS at 638-7800, ext. 211.

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Children affected

As well as problems between the spouses, Wolfe said problems can also arise if children are involved, particularly when it comes time to decide what holidays are to be

Looking at another problem in the Jewish community — poverty among Jews — Wolfe said JF & CS receives \$1 million annually from Toronto Jewish Congress to supplement government assistance to the Jewish poor.

As a result of this assistance, Wolfe said it is possible to ensure Jewish families have enough to

feed their children.

However this is not the case in the general community, he added. Wolfe said that often by the time a family on government assistance pays their rent they have little left to feed their offspring and must rely on food banks.

This was backed up by a survey conducted last year by North York Harvest Food Bank which showed

that 52% of all those receiving assistance from the food bank are children. [CJN Jan. 12]

Like Loren Freid, coordinator of the suburban-based food bank, Wolfe praised the report conducted by the social Assistance Review Committee and called on the provincial government to act as soon as possible to reduce child-

hood hunger and poverty.

SARC was established in July 1986 by the provincial government to undertake a public review of Ontario's social assistance system.

The result was a 648-page report calling for a major shift in the philosophy of Ontario's social assistance system.

To inquire about receiving social assistance from JF & CS call 638-7800.

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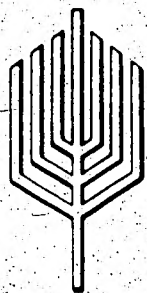
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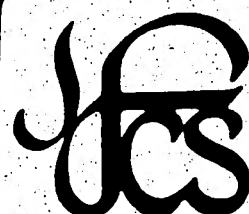
Blood donor clinic set for Northern JCC

TORONTO —

The Canadian Red Cross blood transfusion service is running a blood donor clinic at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., on Monday, Jan. 23

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The Canadian Red Cross is always in need of all types of blood but in particular is looking for Type O.



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Organizations and People

Regan Grant celebrates bar mitzvah

Teenager shows spiritual qualities matter most

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Six months ago, Regan Grant didn't know a word of Hebrew and had never been inside a synagogue. But at his bar mitzvah recently, he stood on the bima in the chapel at Temple

Sinai and said the blessings and his portion of the Torah without an error.

Regan is bright and articulate. Disabled by cerebral palsy, he had to be assisted from his wheelchair to a walker to approach the bima to stand beside Rabbi Jordan Pearlson and Cantor

Severin Weingort. Luckily, Regan's voice is strong and clear.

Pearlson said the Torah portion read by Regan dealt with the efforts of Moses and Aaron to surmount the insurmountable, to convince the Pharaoh to let the children of Israel leave the

land of Egypt. Regan, too, faced a seemingly "insurmountable" challenge in preparing for his bar mitzvah.

In his speech, Regan noted that Moses had a speech impediment (stuttering) and declared: "My portion tells me that people's attitudes, the image they have about

themselves, may be far more limiting than any physical obstacles that may be in their way."

Eli Rubinstein, his Hebrew teacher, was astounded by Regan's ability to learn so quickly.

Regan's father, Dan Grant, chief buyer for The Ports is Jewish, but his mother, Mary Maloney, is Irish Catholic. The parents are separated.

"I'm backing Regan all the way in his decision to be Jewish," his mother told The CJN.

Regan's twin sister, Tara, came home from her boarding school in Ireland, to be with Regan on his great day.

Maloney said Regan has experienced anti-semitism when people learned he was Jewish. "He's heard the

kind of remarks that people say and think it's all right."

Regan's father, an Englishman who served in the British forces in World War II, went to Israel as a volunteer for three months three years ago. When he returned and told Regan of his experiences in Israel, he noticed the boy's interest in Jewish history quickened. "Now he can correct me on the fine points," Grant said.

Neither parent has any family in Canada, but the Temple Sinai chapel was filled with 50 people for the bar mitzvah including the regular minyan members. Those present included many friends: Phil Kornblum, Chuck Nagel, Al Weisbrod, Harold Caplan, Dr. Else Broder. Regan's French teacher at Sunny-

view Public School, Julia Wildgoose, attended.

Though he is an avid reader of Jewish history, Grant said he has not attended a synagogue for 30 years. The son of a Dutch mother and a Swedish father, he said his family attended a synagogue in London, England, until it was bombed in 1942.

Regan's two heroes are Martin Luther King and John Lennon. He said he often goes to Variety Village to take part in wheelchair races and other sports played there.

Another passage of his speech: "We see that God chose Moses to lead the fight for freedom, even though he was physically impaired, because he had great spiritual qualities and this is what matters more than anything."



Bar mitzvah Regan Grant is congratulated by his teacher Eli Rubenstein. Also seen are Regan's mother Mary Maloney, his sister Tara Grant and his father Dan Grant. [Graphic Artists photo]



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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE DATES

Please remember that the deadline for the What's New and About People columns is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. For example — the deadline for the Feb. 2 issue is Thursday, Jan. 19, and deadline for the Feb. 9 issue is Thursday, Jan. 26. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Do send your items out well in advance in order to reach me on time. Otherwise they sit on my desk until I come in the following Thursday.

Now, a reminder about pictures — We cannot accept pictures with more than 5 people. They will be rejected. Also, if you wish a picture returned, indicate with complete return address and include \$1 for return postage please.

Thursday, Jan. 19

JEWISH CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE

The Jewish Christian Dialogue Group is meeting on Jan. 19, at 7.30 p.m. at Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St. For information, call 234-1958 or 764-0014.

Friday, Jan. 20

MUSICAL HAPPY HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will present a musical happy hour of semi-classical Hebrew and Jewish music on Friday, Jan. 20, from 2-3 p.m. at Lincoln Place Nursing Home, 429 Walmer Rd.

Saturday, Jan. 21

SHABBAT SHIRA SERVICE

Shabbat Shira, the Sabbath of Song, which heralds the Jewish musical festival period, is the Shabbat on which the Torah portion includes the song of triumphant joy sung by Moses and the people of Israel as they crossed the Red Sea from slavery to freedom.

Beth Tzedec Congregation's entire Shabbat service on Jan. 21 will be dedicated to the music of the synagogue from the past, and new creations by present-day liturgical composers.

The service will be chanted by **Cantor Paul Kowarsky** together with the Beth Tzedec Choir and Choral Group under the direction of **Gordon Kushner**.

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Adath Israel Sisterhood celebrates Women's League anniversary Shabbat, Shabbat Shira and Tu B'Shevat at Shabbat morning services, Jan. 21, beginning at 9 a.m. at the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., Downsview.

The special guest speaker will be **Allan Warshawsky** of Beersheba recently elected president of Masorti (Conservative) Movement in Israel.

His topic will be Conservative Judaism in Israel. For information, call **Feige Kay** at 665-2710 or **Bert Kaplan** at 633-9279.

Sunday, Jan. 22

SONGS FOR THE JEWISH SOUL

Songs for the Jewish Soul, a concert of art and folk songs in Hebrew, Yiddish and English featuring **Rabbi Avraham Feder**, will mark the culmination of Beth Tikvah Synagogue's celebration of Shabbat Shira. The former rabbi and chazan of Beth Tikvah has given many concerts throughout North America and in Israel where he now lives.

Rabbi Feder will be assisted by **Cantor Efraim Sapir** and the Beth Tikvah Choir conducted by **Srul Irving Glick**.

The concert is at 7.30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 22, at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Tickets are \$8 general admission, \$5 seniors and students. Beth Tikvah is wheelchair accessible. For information, call 221-3433.

WRITTEN FROM THE HEART

The guest speaker at the Beth Tzedec Men's Club breakfast meeting on Sunday, Jan. 22, will be **Ben Mandelkern**, author of the recently published book, *Escape From the Nazis*. His topic, *Written From the Heart*, will deal with the story behind the writing of his incredible and inspiring book.

Breakfast is at 9.30 a.m., the speaker at 10.

INTERFAITH EVENT

An interfaith event taking place at Temple Har Zion, 7360 Bayview Ave., on Sunday, Jan. 22, at 8 p.m. features **Prof Irving Zeitlin** of the University of Toronto, who will speak on *Jesus and Judaism of His Time*. For information, call 889-2252.

FROM SHTETL TO STATEHOOD

Friends of Yiddish presents **Jerry Gray** of The Travellers singing a program of Yiddish songs entitled *From Shtetl to Statehood* at Earl Bales Community Centre on Sunday, Jan. 22.

Come for breakfast at 10 a.m. and stay on for this unique program. The charge is \$3 paid-up members, \$5 non-members. Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends and relatives.

MONEY ISSUES

Session III of the Basic Seminar mini-series on Money Issues will deal with *The Ethical Factor: Making It, Whatever the Cost*. It takes place Sunday, Jan. 22, at 8 p.m. at Aish HaTorah Centre, 296A Wilson Ave. For information, call 636-7530.

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

At the Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club meeting on Sunday, Jan. 22, the guest speaker will be **Linda Shapiro**, co-author of a book that explores Catholic confessional



TANNENBAUM HONORED

Bea Tannenbaum, secretary of Ulpanot Orot Girls' School since its inception 15 years ago, was honored upon retirement at the school's recent annual dinner. Making the presentation are **Saul Koschitzky** (left), chairman of the Bnei Akiva Schools, and **Meyer Feldman**, member of the executive committee. Seated in front is **Ruth Shields**, wife of Dr. Yehuda Shields, the dinner chairman.

practices, *Bless Me Father For I Have Sinned*.

The meeting takes place at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9.30 and the speaker at 10.

Former members of Holy Blossom Temple Alumni are welcome to attend.

NEEDLES AND NEUROSIS

Needles for Neurosis or Puncturing Your Problems, Relieving Stress and Depression is what **David Olenky**, doctor of acupuncture, will be discussing on Sunday, Jan. 22, at an evening sponsored by the Entertainment and Cultural Connection of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. The time is 8 p.m. in the Sisterhood Hall of the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

Everyone is welcome. There is no charge for members. Charge for guests is \$2. There will be special tables for singles 21-39.

Coordinators of the event are **Sandra and Jerry Genesove**.

Monday, Jan. 23

ISRAEL AND ANTI-SEMITISM

A public forum on the topic Israel and Anti-semitism — *An International Dilemma* with **Prof. Irving Abella** will be held Monday, Jan. 23, at 8 p.m. at the B'nai B'rith Centre, 15 Hove St.

The forum is sponsored by Loge La Fraternite and the Institute for International Affairs of B'nai B'rith Canada. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

OVEREATING & WEIGHT PROBLEMS

On Monday, Jan. 23, join **Dr. Ron Cridland**, director of the Health Promotion Clinic in Richmond Hill, who will lecture on *How to Identify and Remove Abnormal Eating Habits*.

The lecture takes place at 8 p.m. at the Toronto Board of Education Building, auditorium, 6th floor, 155 College St. For more information, call the Canadian Natural Hygiene Society at 781-0359.

NAGILLAH CHAPTER BBW

Nagillah Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, 40 plus singles, is holding a general meeting on Monday, Jan. 23, at 7.45 p.m. at North York Public Library, 5120 Yonge St. The program will focus on Public Affairs with **Hannah Feldman** and **Enna Pearlston** of BBW.

Admission is \$2 and refreshments will be served. For information, contact **Tanny** at 787-8963 or **Miriam** at 638-6493.

MONDAY MAGIC

Psychotherapist **Phyllis Weinberg** will be speaking on *Stress Management: Definition, Strategies and Causes* at the Monday, Jan. 23, program of Monday MAGIC taking place at 9.30-11.30 a.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.

Monday MAGIC is a women's group that meets Monday mornings (babysitting available from newborns up) at Beth Tzedec.

CABARET LA CAGE

Cabaret La Cage is on Sha'aron Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women's calendar for Monday, Jan. 23. This is a fun-filled evening with delicious buffet, entertainment (female impersonators) and

door prizes. It all takes place at the Chimo Hotel,

7095 Woodbine Ave., beginning at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$45 per person which includes an \$18 donation (receipt). For reservations, call 881-1024 or 445-8674.

AUTHORS EVENING

Alan Borovoy, general counsel to the Canadian Civil Liberties Union for the past 20 years and author of *When Freedoms Collide: The Case For Our Civil Liberties*, will be the guest speaker at Chapters Authors Evening on Monday, Jan. 23.

These Author Evenings at Chapters Bookstore-Cafe, 2360 Yonge St., include a fixed price dinner (\$14.95) and a talk by the author, generally followed by an informal question and answer session.

Reservations are recommended. Phone 481-9203.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

LEARNING DISABILITIES

You are invited to a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 24, sponsored by the Learning Disabilities Association of North York.

The guest speaker will be **William McMaster**, educational coordinator, Sagonaska Demonstration School, Belleville, one of four residential schools for students with learning disabilities funded by the Ontario ministry of education. He will discuss the use of the "Association Method" to improve language and academic function of students with language learning difficulties.

The meeting takes place at 8 p.m. at the Education Administration Centre, North York Board of Education, 5050 Yonge St.

The public is welcome, admission is free and coffee will be served.

EMUNAH WOMEN SERIES

Emanah Women's 3-lecture series on Jewish Windows on the World: Fundamentals of Jewish Thought with **Rabbi Pinchas Brumer** concludes on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

The lecture begins at 8 p.m. at Ulpanot Orot, 45 Canyon Ave. The charge is \$5. For information, contact **Ruth** at 635-9847.

Wednesday, Jan. 25

LOVE, SEX AND MARRIAGE

Love, Sex and Marriage the Jewish Way is the topic of the lecture **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin** will give at the Chabad Lubavitch of Markham couples club lecture series on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

The time is 8.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill (off Green Lane). For information, call 886-0420.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Toronto is set for Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 7.30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

Members **Gert Rogers** and **Peter Cullman** will share their genealogical experiences of recent visits to Poland and East Berlin.

For further information, contact **Annette** at 782-4646.

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GREAT PERSONALITIES

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue's Wednesday evening adult education lecture series, *The Influence of Great Personalities on Jewish Life*, with Rabbi Irwin Witty will focus on Joseph Karo at the Jan. 25 session.

The lecture takes place from 8-9:30 p.m. in the Arback Hall of the synagogue, 100 Elder St. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call 633-3838.

And What Else Is New...

CRAFTSPEOPLE TAKE NOTE

The cultural arts committee of the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch is looking for craftspeople and artists specializing in Judaica works, who would be interested in participating in the Craft Fair at the Bloor Y on April 30. The Craft Fair is part of the Bloor Y's Centrefest. For further information, contact Florence Marantz at the Bloor Y at 924-6211.

GET IN ON THE ACT!

Watch for the Volunteer Centre of Metropolitan Toronto's snappy new bus shelter ads appearing in your neighborhood!

Get In On The Act! Enjoy Life, Volunteer — Everyone Can is the theme of the centre's new advertising campaign designed to encourage individuals to explore volunteer opportunities. The ads will also be appearing on buses and subways in January and February.

Volunteer opportunities are available for everyone regardless of age, ethnicity and physical and mental abilities. If you want to volunteer, call the Volunteer Centre, North York branch, at 481-6194 for the volunteer opportunity that is right for you.

THE POTTER'S PANTRY

The Ontario Clay and Glass Association has published *The Potter's Pantry*, a cookbook of recipes from members and their friends across Ontario. The book is full of interesting and easy recipes that put the pleasure back into down-home cooking.

The Potter's Pantry is a fund raising project of Fusion: The Ontario Clay and Glass Association, a non-profit charitable organization. All proceeds will go toward Fusion programs which are dedicated to the promotion of handcrafted Ontario clay and glass.

The cost of the book is \$12.95 plus \$2 shipping, tax included. For information about ordering a copy, call the Fusion office at 923-7406.

YOUTH SHABBAT

Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drilz Synagogue, 147 Overbrook Pl., is holding a youth Shabbat on Shabbat Shira Tu B'Shevat, Friday, Jan. 20, and Saturday Jan. 21. The youth of the congregation will be conducting services both Friday evening and Saturday morning.

A luncheon will follow the Saturday services

which begin at 9 a.m. For luncheon reservations, contact Nathan Eisner at 633-9588 or Ralph Frisch at 636-9218.

ADATH ISRAEL SINGLES GROUP

Adath Israel Congregation is forming a new singles group. If anyone is interested, contact Rabbi Sheldon Korn at the synagogue office at 635-5340.

Also, check under singles section for details of events.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

The guest speaker at Beth Tzedec Congregation's Shabbat Study Luncheon on Jan. 28, will be Prof. Bezael Porten, professor of history, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, who will speak on *The Siddur: Liturgy as Ideology*.

The luncheon will take place at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., at noon, immediately following services. The cost is \$6.75 adults, \$3.50 children under 12. Reservations (paid) should be made no later than Wednesday, Jan. 25. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated.

HADASSAH-WIZO CONFERENCE

On Wednesday, Feb. 15, Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's 3rd annual California Conference and Reunion will take place at the Wyndham Hotel, Palm Springs, Calif. National vice-president Bess Panar of Vancouver is the conference chairman.

The program will include a keynote address by Prof. Yehuda Bauer of Hebrew University, academic chairman, Institute of Contemporary Jewry and Vidal Sassoon Centre for Study of Anti-Semitism. National president Naomi Frankenburg and national executive vice-president Lily Frank will also address the conference. In addition Herschel Fox and his wife Judy will entertain.

Registration chairman of the conference is Helen Lexier. Her phone number in Palm Springs is (619) 320-9832.

For further information or to get on the mailing list, call Helen or call your local Hadassah-WIZO office.

JSF HAPPENINGS

Here's a list of upcoming events arranged by the Jewish Student Federation of York University—

Have a bagel and meet a friend at the Bagel Brunch every Monday morning at 10 a.m. at the JSF portable on campus.

Take a movie break every Tuesday when a film is shown from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the JSF portable.

Visit Israel every Wednesday with an informal discussion of current events affecting Israel. The time is 1-2 p.m. at the JSF portable.

Beat the blues every Thursday from 1-2 p.m. with a different game each week at the JSF portable.

Come and share a Friday night dinner with friends from JSF and Jewish Students Union/Hillel of the University of Toronto on Friday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue (Glencairn and Bathurst). The cost is \$16 and reservations must be made by Monday, Jan. 23. Call JSF at 736-5178.

Travel to Israel in May with a group tour arranged by JSF and JSU/Hillel. Affordable student rates include airfare, accommodation, meals, 2-3 weeks working with volunteers for Israel and 2-3 weeks extensive touring. An open ticket is available. For further information, call JSF at 736-5178.

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood will celebrate Shabbat Yitro on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 9 a.m. at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

Sisterhood members will participate in the morning services. Babysitting is available by request in advance.

At 4:45 p.m., Sisterhood members will conduct the mincha services followed by se'udat shlishit and maariv and havdalah. All members and their families and friends are invited to be part of this Shabbat experience.

To round out the day and starting at 7:30 p.m. you are invited to enjoy Jewish History Through Music featuring vocalist Faye Kellerstein accompanied by guitarist Bluma. Presentations will be in Hebrew, English and Yiddish. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call the synagogue office at 633-5500.

HERITAGE OF CHILDREN

The Heritage of Children, a group working to ensure grandparents' access to grandchildren, reports that Bill 124 (regarding grandparents' rights to see grandchildren) has come up for second reading in the Ontario legislature and is being debated in committee.

Heritage of Children meets every third Sunday at J.J. Picininni Community Centre, 1369 St. Clair Ave. W. (near Lansdowne) at 1 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 19.

For information, contact Sylvia Lusher or Abraham Silver at 656-5408.

JEWISH MUSIC SOCIETY SERIES

Be sure to circle Saturday, Feb. 4, on your



BAR MITZVAH GIFTS

Myron Gottlieb and son Peter unveil plaque at Beaver Training Field in the Sports Centre of Boys Town Jerusalem. The training facility was established by Peter with his bar mitzvah presents and contains obstacle courses like those in the Israeli army plus racing and jumping tracks and physical training equipment.



PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

First place winners in the Bialik Hebrew Day School's annual public speaking contest for grades 6, 7 and 8, which took place recently in the school auditorium are (from left) Udi Bell, grade 8 (Hebrew) Orit Segal, grade 7, (Yiddish); Michelle Henry, grade 7, (French) and Steven Davidson, grade 6, and Miriam Feffer, grade 7, who tied for 1st place in the English category. [Roz Davidson photo]

calendar. That's the date of the first in a series of concerts sponsored by the Jewish Music Society of Toronto and co-sponsored by the Toronto Jewish Cultural Council, Toronto Jewish Congress.

The evening's program features Finjan, a dynamic sextet from Winnipeg and one of the leading groups reviving the lively art of Klezmer music. Klezmer music combines Yiddish melodies, style, technique and other Eastern European folk traditions.

On the same program there will be a performance by brilliant young pianist Yuval Fichman.

This concert will take place at 8 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue banquet hall, 1700 Bathurst St. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$6 seniors and students, and are available at Toronto Jewish Congress, 4600 Bathurst St., 5th floor, and at Beth Tzedec.

TELEPHONE SOLICITATIONS

Telephone solicitations for money are being made by parties to raise funds for the printing and distribution of publications said to be affiliated with the police. Examples of such publications are Ontario Police News Magazine, Police Drug Prevention Manual, Child and Family Magazine plus an additional 26 known names of publications.

The Metropolitan Toronto Police advise that they have no connection with, and do not support, the above mentioned publications.

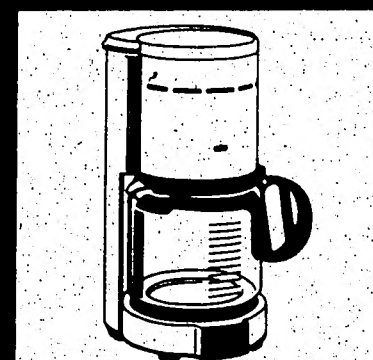
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50TH ANNIVERSARY

Eve and Murray Rothblott recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Rothblott is the founding president of the Women's Division of Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation in Toronto and she and her husband asked family and friends, in lieu of gifts, to make a donation for equipment for the Shaare Zedek Medical Centre's neonatology intensive care department.

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Organizations and People

What's New

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In the public interest and to protect the many organizations which do carry on charitable fund raising programs, the police suggest the following—

Anyone soliciting for a legitimate charity will be able to produce identification.

When members of the police or fire departments are involved in charitable fund raising, they will appear in uniform or show proper identification.

A genuine charitable organization will not use "hard sell" or intimidation tactics.

If approached to invest in a publication, magazine or such, make sure that the publication date and circulation is included on your contract or receipt.

If in doubt, contact your local police.

JSU/HILLEL EVENTS

Jewish Students' Union/Hillel of the University of Toronto has planned the following events for this coming week—

Thursday, Jan. 19 — Weekly Torah portion class at 3.10 p.m. at JSU/Hillel House, 604 Spadina Ave. At 4 p.m. in Sidney Smith lobby, representatives from Israeli universities will give a short video presentation and be available to answer questions. Tehila Choir continues at 8 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

Friday, Jan. 20 — Shabbat dinner at JSU/Hillel House. Cost is \$6 with JSU card, \$7 without card and free to residence students with card. Call 923-9861 to reserve.

Sunday, Jan. 21 — Watch the Superbowl on the JSU big screen TV at 6 p.m. at JSU/Hillel House. Beer and pizza will be served. Cost is \$2 with JSU card, \$3 without. Reserve by Thursday, Jan. 19, by calling 923-9861.

Monday, Jan. 23 — Conversational Hebrew at 11 a.m. and intermediate Hebrew at 12.10 p.m. at JSU/Hillel House.

Tuesday, Jan. 24 — Talmud class at 3.10 p.m. at JSU/Hillel House (some background needed).

Wednesday, Jan. 25 — Beginners Hebrew at 12.10 p.m. at JSU/Hillel House.

Also, a reminder about the Mt. St. Anne ski trip during reading week, Feb. 12-15, for only \$335. Call 923-9861 for details.

FASHION DESIGN COMPETITION

The Beyond the Pattern Secondary School Fashion Design Competition, presented by the Creative Fashion program of George Brown College and the Monaco Group Inc., is still open for entries until Friday, Jan. 20.

Students participating in this annual competition vie for two tuition scholarships, each valued at \$765, to be used specifically for admission into the first year of the Creative Fashion Design program at George Brown College.

The competition is open to any graduating high school student taking a fashion design or family studies program, or who has demonstrated sewing abilities.

Competition details and entry forms are available by calling the fashion division of George Brown at 967-1212, ext. 4337 or 4305.

at the jcc

Experience the European Alps at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y's Sunday at Bloor brunch on Jan. 29 when the excitement and atmosphere of skiing Europe will be highlighted in a slide show presented by **Phyllis Brock**. The time is 11 a.m. and the charge of \$5 includes light brunch. The Bloor Y is located at 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). For more information, contact **Florence Marantz** at 924-6211.

The Kids Concert series at the Bloor Y brings **Rick and Judy** to the community on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$9. For more information, call **Florence Marantz** at above number.

The JCC North/East Valley Singles Network is holding a January Flakes and Flurries dance on Sunday, Jan. 22, at 8.30 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Admission is \$7 and includes deejay, cash bar and refreshments. For information, call 889-0813.

for seniors

The Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave., has the following programs for seniors arranged for this coming week — Monday, Jan. 23, knitting in Room 204 (no charge) at 10 a.m. and bridge in the main lounge at 1 p.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 24, fitness at 12.30 p.m. and current events discussion at 2 p.m., both in the main lounge; Wednesday, Jan. 25, musical singalong at 1.30 p.m. in the main lounge; Thurs-

day, Jan. 26, fitness at 12.30 p.m. in the main lounge and an illustrated talk by **Dr. Kudrac**, a dentist, at 2 p.m. For further information, contact **Beverly Brock** at 924-6211.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50 meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 24, is entitled **Bingo is Back**, with prizes galore! The time is 1.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Coffee and cake will be served. The charge for non-members is \$1.50.

LZA Seniors Club announces that all arrangements have been completed for the 2-week Yom Ha'atzmaut tour to Israel. This tour is jointly sponsored by the Labor Zionist Alliance and the Canadian Association for Labor Israel. For details, call the Borochoy Centre at 630-9444. Although many members have already left for winter vacations, the daily activities will continue from noon to 4 p.m. at the Borochoy Centre, 272 Codrill Ave., for members staying in Toronto.

Upper Canada Friendship Club, 4266 Bathurst St., held a very successful Chanukah dinner arranged by **Rae Fergus**, **Katie Kidekel**, **Dora Posluns** and **Helen Iancu**. Entertainment was provided by **Eva Fishman**, **Moishe Turk** and his orchestra and **Faigele Gartner**. Everyone has a wonderful time. And many thanks to volunteers **Harry Pearlstein**, **Moishe Resnick** and **Yacov Gable** (nephew of Myer Collins).

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., is planning a musical outing to see **The Three Penny Opera** at the Bluma Appel Theatre on March 15. Tickets are \$11 and \$12. Also coming up in March is a lecture on drugs and drug-food interaction. The kosher Miami trip is still available. Deadline for registration is Friday, Jan. 20. On May 9, the group will be attending a matinee performance of the Canadian National Ballet's **The Merry Widow** at the O'Keefe Centre. Another outing is a trip to Stratford to see **Kiss Me Kate** on May 15. Price details will be available at a later date. For information about all activities, contact **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923.

Former members of **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni** are welcome to attend the temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club meetings on Sunday mornings. Check for information in the What's New column under the Sunday date.

Do you play a string instrument? Are you interested in participating in a chamber string orchestra group? If so, contact **Senior Adult Services** at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. Call 636-1880 and ask for **Teme Kernerman**. The orchestra director is **David Magder**, a 21-year member of the National Shevchenko Musical Ensemble and Guild of America. The **Senior Adult Services** of the JCC north branch is also coordinating an 8-day trip to Pines Resort from July 16-23. Enjoy summer fun at this popular Catskills Hotel. For more information, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club is presenting a concert on Thursday, Jan. 26, from 6-10 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard). Partial activities during January, February and through to mid-March include barber service on Mondays from 9 a.m. to noon, and ballroom and line dancing on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Saturday night dances at the club house will continue as scheduled as will the dances with a live band at the community centre, weather permitting. If weather is bad, phone ahead to find out if dance is being held. Call **Charles Cohen** at 741-4462 or **Mary Gregg** at 633-6184 about dances and all activities.

Club Chaverim of the Jewish Community Centre North/East Valley branch meets on Mondays at 1 p.m. at Valley, 7015 Leslie St. For information, call 889-0813.

Senior Sinai's Golden Book is still ongoing. Place your donation with **Frances Malkin** at 226-3252 or **Ida Himmelstein** at 630-3862 between 7 and 9 p.m.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — The Canadian Israeli Club Aluma for Israelis and Hebrew speaking persons 55 and over is holding a Tu B'Shvat celebration with singer **Rachel** plus a movie on Tu B'Shvat and light refreshments on Wednesday, Jan. 25, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. at the centre. There is no charge for members. Non-members' charge is \$2. For information, call **Shelley Dunkelman** at 789-5131, ext. 2273.

Downsview Services to Seniors is presenting a slide show, **The Elgin Winter**, on Tuesday, Jan. 24, from 1.30-2.30 p.m. at Northwood Community Centre, 15 Clubhouse Ct., Downsview (north of Sheppard between Keele and Jane). For further information, call 633-9519.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

La'Briyat Wellness Centre is presenting a lecture on **Heart Healthy Cooking** with dietician/nutritionist **Paula Ruch** on Thursday, Jan. 26, at 1.30 p.m.

The Wellness Centre is also offering a 4-week cooking workshop with **Paula Ruch** on the same topic, **Heart Healthy Cooking**. The workshops, aimed at reducing the risk of heart disease and stroke, will be held on Mondays from 2-4 p.m.



NA'AMAT CHAPTER TURNS 50

Members of **Chadera Club**, a Toronto chapter of Na'amat Canada, celebrated its 50th anniversary at a dinner dance attended also by children and grandchildren. During the evening the purchase and dedication of a classroom at the new Timon School in Hadera, Israel, was undertaken to honor the chapter. Founding members are (front, from left) **Gert Fein**, **Rita Mandel** and **Teme Simlewitz**. Back row (from left) **Helen Swartzfeld** and **Lillian Snow**. **Fay Lovat** (not shown) is also a founding member. [Graphic Artists photo]

on Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13 and 20, at 6250 Bathurst St., apartment building lounge (please note location!).

The theme of the Valentine candlelight dinner and concert on Wednesday, Feb. 15, is **From Hawaii With Love** with dances by the **Haole Hawaiians** and a Hawaiian chicken dinner. The charge for the full dinner and concert is \$6.25 and for the concert only it is \$1. This is for members only.

Registration is now open for the Tuesday, March 7, evening of dining at the **Town & Country Buffet Restaurant** and enjoying **Agatha Christie's** mystery, **The Mouse Trap**. Departure time is 5 p.m., returning approximately 11-11.30 p.m. The cost for both dinner and play is \$28. This is for members only.

The **Friendship Circle** for people 55 and over and living on their own is meeting on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. Irish balladeer **Pat Flatly** will perform. This is for Friendship Circle members only and the fee is \$1.

The Wednesday afternoon social on Jan. 25 features the **Creative Variety Show** in a Mexican Fiesta. The time is 1.30 and after the entertainment, refreshments will be served. The cost is \$1.50 members, \$2 non-members.

The movie, **Mr. Mom**, will be screened on Sunday, Jan. 22, at 2.30 p.m. There is no fee for members, \$1 for non-members.

trademark agent in Canada. She is the daughter of **Harold and Vera Gold**, both natives of Victoria. Her father is now an advisor to the Canadian Embassy in West Germany.

Gold-Piche is married to **Murray Frank**, an attorney. They live in Manhattan.

She will clerk for **Charles Sifton**, U.S. district judge, Brooklyn, NY.

ORT GRAD WINS FAME

ORT graduate **Pinhas Adar** has invented a new method of porcelain production which greatly benefits the field of dentistry. The pioneering technique, named **P.A.** in his honor, has attracted interest around the world.

Pinhas Adar enrolled in ORT's **Yad Shapira** Apprenticeship Centre in Tel Aviv in 1976.

After graduation, he was hired by one of the foremost experts in the field of dental technology, a Swiss named **Wilf Geller**. Having since gained his own international fame, **Adar** has his own practice and in addition is a member of a team of American dentists who lecture all over the world. He leads seminars and illustrates books and articles which the team publishes.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of the Canadian Jewish News. Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date. For rates or to place an ad, please call Shayla at 422-2528.

Oneg Shabbat — **Adath Israel Congregation** — All Singles are invited to attend on Friday, January 27, 8:00 p.m. Featuring the well known family lawyer and writer **Linda Silver Dranoff**, 37 Southbourne Ave., Bathurst/Wilson.

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Singles are invited to participate in dining adventures with a "Mystery" theme. Weekly opportunities to meet someone special. Call **Mystery Mavens** during business hours to reserve. 225-8084.

Metro Toronto Singles Presents - A Party at Le Club, Inn-on-the-Park, Sunday, January 29, 8:00 p.m.

Original JCC Singles 50+ invite you to join them at a "Magic 'n Romance" Dance. Saturday, January 28/89, 8:00 p.m. North "Y" Branch - 4588 Bathurst St. Refreshments, Cash Bar, Disc Jockey - **Don Del Greco**. Prizes. Admission \$6.00. For more info call **Mimi** at 889-0813.

Rendez-vous (25-45). Sunday — **Flick's**, 2409 Yonge, above Eglinton. Arrive before 4:30. Dinner (\$4+). Live Jazz ends at 8 p.m. 631-9389.

Mayfair West Racquet Club, 3855 Chesswood Dr., Downsview, is organizing its next singles party of the season, Saturday, January 28, in our newly renovated lounge. Tennis round-robin from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Dance 9 p.m. Refreshments. Cost: \$17.00. Dance only \$8.00. Reserve early. Call **Marcia Levine** 638-1010.

About People

NEWS FROM VANCOUVER

Rose Marie Glassman is the new president of the Vancouver Chapter of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

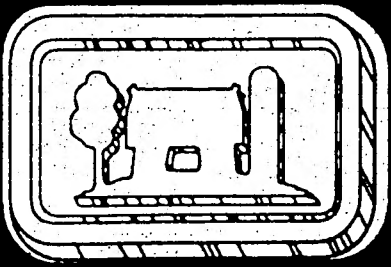
Mrs. Glassman, a national vice-president of the Canadian Friends, and, along with her husband **Leon**, a long-time supporter of the organization, was installed at a ceremony at the University of British Columbia Faculty Club. The speaker was **Edward Winant** of Montreal, national president of the Canadian Friends.

Rose Marie Glassman

FELLOWSHIP WINNER

A longtime Ottawa resident, **Carolyn Gold-Piche**, has won an Alexander Fellowship to clerk in a federal district court in Manhattan for a semester of her second year at **Yeshiva University's** Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.

Gold-Piche, 31, is a graduate of **Merivale High School** and **Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology**, Ottawa, and is a registered



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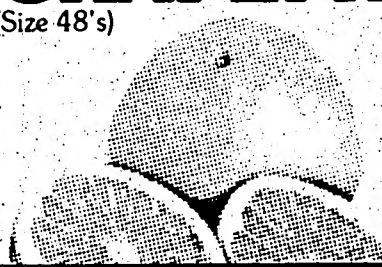


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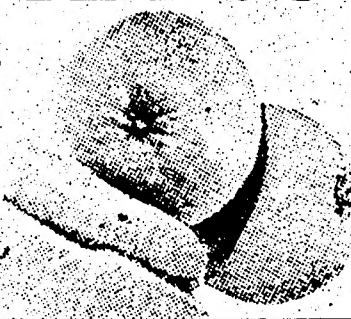


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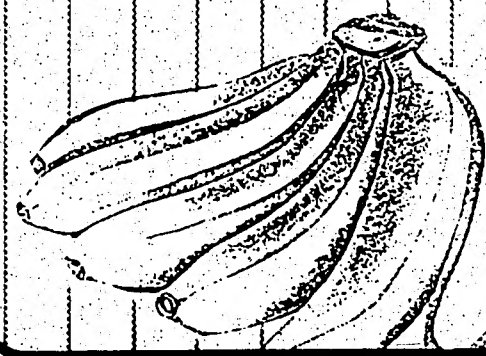
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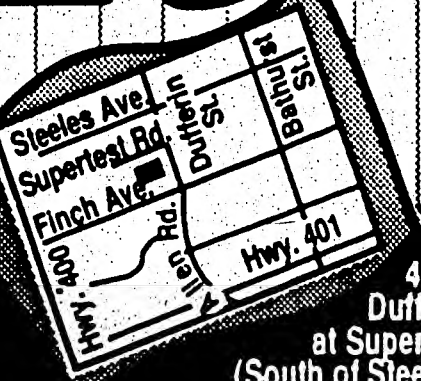
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Organizations and People



Lou VanDelman (left) gets a flower upon landing in Israel.

Yad Vashem's Lou VanDelman:

Israel needs tourists now

LOU VANDELMAN is executive director of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem. He participated in the recent Operation Solidarity mission to Israel, sponsored by B'nai B'rith Canada, El Al, Operation Independence, and the Israel Government Tourist Office. Following are his impressions.

On my recent trip to Israel, a small group of us got into a taxi in downtown Jerusalem for a trip back to our hotel. The driver joined our conversation by stating that we were the first tourists he had had in his cab for weeks. He wanted to know why North American Jewry had abandoned Israel.

During the 1973 Yom Kippur War, he had come to Israel from Oklahoma and never left. His life in Israel was hard and filled with problems, but this was his small bit of land and he would do anything for it. Are we Jews not under attack now? With the intifada, the Who is a Jew controversy from within and the Yasser Arafats of the world from without, the Jews of Israel need our support.

Money is very important, he said, but our physical presence is even more so. Our driver added, as we turned into the hotel driveway, "When you get back home, please do whatever you can to make Jews come back to visit — it is the lifeblood of Israel."

There was little sleep that night because suddenly, everything we had seen and everywhere we had been, became focused. The beautiful hotel we were in was virtually empty except for us. The same was to be true in Haifa and Tel Aviv.

Roads—usually choked with buses which are crammed with tourists, and the many tourist attractions themselves, are now almost empty. There are tourists in Israel, in small numbers. They come from every corner of the world: Japan, Hong Kong, South Ameri-

ca, Europe and the Bible belt of the United States.

But only about 15% of all Jews in North America have been to Israel: the group that can offer the most to Israel actually visits the least.

It was back in March of last year, when I was a volunteer on a kibbutz, that I first saw the tourists from Europe. They were mainly Germans. It seemed to me then that everywhere I turned, I saw Germans, whether in Haifa, Tel Aviv or Jerusalem.

Things had not changed this time around. At Yad Vashem, I spotted a group of younger Germans leaving the Hall of Remembrance. I couldn't help myself: I had to ask, "Why did you come to Israel? And why especially did you come to Yad Vashem?"

They answered that they were born after the war and had been unable to get answers to their questions from their parents. They had come to Israel to find the answers and to "vieder gut machen" — to make good again.

Back on my kibbutz, in March, 1988, I believed that almost everyone but Jews comes to Israel. I also thought that I shouldn't worry about this problem persisting. Jews will always rally around a troubled Israel and show the world how cohesive we are. Now, it is the beginning of a new year and instead of joining more solidly with our brothers and sisters in Israel, Jews are still staying away.

I had the pleasure recently of meeting Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, Yochanan Bein. He told a group of us that if we want to participate in Israeli politics, if we want to denounce the practices of the ultra-Orthodox parties, if we want to engage in the elections and in the swaying of Israeli life, then we should take a plane to Israel and upon landing, ask for citizenship. It will be automatically granted.

Until you are ready to

do that, he went on, consider Israel your personal insurance policy, a safe haven for you and for all Jews worldwide. Your trip to Israel is your policy premium. If we don't pay it, no one else will.

It was at an air force base just a few weeks ago that more reality hit home. The base commander told us that by Phantom jet, it takes about 40 seconds to get to Jordan, about 55 seconds to Syria and 30 seconds to Lebanon. Of course, the reverse is also true. Israel's defence must always be ready. We cannot and do not have the luxury to relax, even for a minute.

With the cost of defence being what it is, we cannot and should not threaten not

to go to Israel because of something with which we may not particularly agree.

Yes, it is expensive to visit Israel, but prices vary depending on the time of the year and type of trip planned. We at Yad Vashem are planning several different tours that might substantially reduce costs.

If you are at all interested in going to Israel on a program that will give you as complete a tour of Yad Vashem as you could possibly get, then you should by all means let us know. Then, you too can be one who stood up to be counted when Israel asked.

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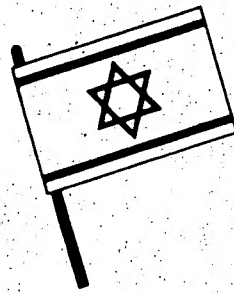
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TORONTO —

Jewish Family & Child Service has received \$39,000 from the Ontario ministry of community and social services for family violence counselling.

Monte Kwinter, MPP for Wilson Heights announced recently.

The new funding will be used to support a counselling program for victimized women and their children.

"The emotional and physical effects of domestic violence can be devastating to its victims," Kwinter said. "I am happy that our government is able to help assaulted women and their children by providing the money to support these vital counselling services."

Gordon Wolfe, executive director of JF & CS, said an additional social worker became necessary due to the increasing number of cases in this area.

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Organizations and People

Will help developmentally handicapped adults

Hamilton shul hopes to establish group home

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

A "crying need" for a group home for Jewish developmentally handicapped adults may soon be filled here when recently formed Beth Tikvah organization finds a suitable house, says Stanley Tick who spearheaded the project.

The home will provide a Jewish environment for six to seven developmentally handicapped adults "who need supervision and care, but not on a 24-hour basis."

As well, there will be an on-site case worker, said Tick, a past Hamilton JNF president and former UJA campaign chairman and Hamilton Jewish Federa-

tion president.

"We are looking for a house in the Westdale area where they will have easy access to the sheltered workshop, the Jewish Community Centre and the shuls." He hopes that the home will be established within about six months.

It is a phenomenon of our modern society, he said, that whereas in the

past such people would frequently die before their parents, today they outlive them. "It is not fair to grow up in a Jewish environment and then find that when the care givers are gone, there is nothing for them," he added.

Tick has two middle aged brothers in this situation and has long been devoted to their welfare. "I want them and others like them to have a Jewish environment," he stated.

He estimates there are about 50 such adults in the area, some living in various homes, and that "they need a place where they can live in dignity and where their daily needs and activities are looked after."

Beth Tikvah is a non-profit organization and while it has been endorsed by HJF, it will not appeal to the community, which is already burdened with three major campaigns, for funds.

Tick is confident the group will be able to raise the initial down payment for the house. But the main problem will be to convince the Ontario ministries of housing and of community and social services, which provide the funding, of the need for a Jewish group home.

A survey and feasibility study conducted last summer by Emmy Weisz, a

former coordinator of social work at St. Joseph's Villa and consultant for the project, confirmed the need for such a home.

The problem, she explained, "is that we are the new kid on the block and there is only so much money in the pot."

However, the project has the support of ministry representatives and the Hamilton Association for the Mentally Retarded. An additional factor in its favor is that Hamilton

has a small Jewish community, "so there can't be so many (candidates)."

Beth Tikvah will also accept residents from smaller Ontario centres. Government policy, said Weisz, is to move those of the currently institutionalized considered dischargeable into group homes in their hometowns. But none have Jewish facilities and "it is our job now to explain to the ministries that the Jewish community is an extended family."

"We know of 35 Jews who are ready for discharge." Rather than have them return to their hometown and non-Jewish surroundings, she observed, their parents would be much happier knowing they are being cared for in a Jewish environment, even if it is in another city.

Enquiries about Beth Tikvah can be made by calling Emmy Weisz at Third Age Services. (416) 529-0195.

Hebrew's consistency makes it easier to learn

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —

If you think learning Hebrew is tough, maybe you haven't tried the Keren Hatarbut Institute. Winter classes start Jan. 24.

In fact, Joseph Klinger, director of the institute, says if you join a new beginners' class now, you will be speaking Hebrew by May 16, 1989.

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According to Klinger, it's possible to learn Hebrew faster than one thinks because the language is "not as hard" as most people believe. In its spoken form, it's even easier to learn than English, he says.

"That's because Hebrew is written phonetically which makes the words easier to pronounce. The way you speak is the way you write and vice-versa. The confusion that a student of English has with words like 'plough' in English doesn't occur in Hebrew." Hebrew has half as many letters as English, has a very logical grammatical base, and its words can be readily traced to recognizable roots. All these also make learning the language easier, says Klinger.

"Negev," he notes, a familiar name, originally denoted any dry or waste land, since it shares the same root as 'L'nagev' (to dry).

What makes Hebrew even more pleasant to learn, says Klinger, is that numerous Yiddish idioms and familiar words have their

origins in Hebrew roots such as *haver* (friend), *eph-shar* (possible), *barooch* (bless), just to name a few.

Says Klinger: "The Keren Hatarbut Institute uses the ulpan method which emphasizes conversational Hebrew. Reading and writing skills are taught once the student begins speaking the language. The latest audio-visual methods are also used."

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Located at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. (at Lawrence Ave.) the institute, which has operated in Toronto for 33 years, has

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The sessions, aimed primarily for teens and adults, cost \$125 and are open to Jews and non-Jews alike. Classes are conducted every Tuesday, once in the morning and once in the evening.

Klinger says every Jew should know Hebrew since it is the language of the Jewish people and the Bible and that ultimately language is what unites people.

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Paid-up members may attend free of charge. All others pay \$5.

Organizations and People

Group makes debut Jan. 20

Six Toronto women cantors form Kol Nashim

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Six women cantors who represent a wealth of singing experience are about to make history.

They have formed Kol Nashim (Voice of Women) and make their debut Jan. 20 at Temple Emanu-El at 8.30 p.m. The event is Shabbat Shira which commemorates the prophet Miriam who sang to the people of Israel at the Red Sea.

They are affiliated with six different congregations in the Metro Toronto area, including two which hold services only periodically.

Elizabeth Bolton of Temple Emanu-El, convenor of Kol Nashim, says the six are all members of the Women Cantors' Network, a support group with 80 members in Canada and U.S.

She points out that even though the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York now accepts women as students, the Cantors' Assembly, the men's professional organization, would not accept the first two women graduates as members.

"We hope the debut of Kol Nashim will herald a new appreciation for the art of the 'chazzanit,'" Bolton said.

Firestone taught Japanese

In a long and colorful career, Esther Ghan Firestone has the distinction of teaching English to thousands of Japanese children. It came about because she and her daughter, Hilary, made albums of English folk-songs and popular children's songs, which are still being used in classrooms there.

Music on the albums was pre-recorded in Japan and sent to Toronto for the

voices of the mother-daughter team.

Now the assistant cantor at Congregation Habonim on Glen Park Ave., Firestone sang in Temple Beth El in Don Mills before it became Temple Emanu-El at which she also served as interim cantor.

A well-known concert artist, Ruth Slater of Temple Anshe Sholom in Hamilton, has travelled widely in practicing her art. She has sung in temples in Windsor, St. Catharines, New York, Detroit, and New Haven as well as Toronto.

She has been singing from the age of 5, ever since she was introduced to the melodies of the prayers at Beth Shalom Synagogue in Toronto, by her father, Nathan Seligman. Her mother took her to concerts all over the city when she was young.

The first time she ever sang solo eight years ago, Phyllis Angel Greenberg sang the Kol Nidre prayer at the Reconstructionist Congregation Darchei Noam, under the coaching of the rabbi at that time, Richard Hirsch.

Greenberg, a teacher of English and drama at Havergal College for the past five years, moved to Toronto from Montreal in 1968. The holder of an MA in English from University of Toronto, she taught previously at Weston Collegiate and Associated Hebrew Schools. She sings concerts of Gershwin and other popular music two or three times a year at the Wagon Centre.

Lis Manson of Shaarei Beth-El in Oakville said that she grew up in Manchester, England, and there was no chazzan at synagogue services there. Instead it was choirs who sang the prayers.

She has introduced Hebrew melodies from her childhood remembrance to the choir which she leads at Shaarei Beth-El. Her husband, Harvey, is president of the Oakville temple.

Manson went to the 40th anniversary Zimra in Israel as a member of the Toron-

to Jewish Community Choir and came back much stimulated by the event.

Linda Segal, who is cantor at the historical Beach Hebrew Institute on Kenilworth Ave., says she would like to study formally the art of being a cantor in Israel. But in the meantime she is gaining much satisfaction from leading prayers at the Institute which holds services 3 times a month.

Segal teaches English as a second language to adults in Scarborough and finds her teaching and singing go well together.

Use Conservative book

Women are counted in the minyan at the Beach and are also given aliyas. They use the Conservative prayer book in their services. The Institute draws a congregation from people who used to live in the east end and from young families newly moved into the Beaches area.

Segal previously sang in the Beth Tikvah choir and as a soloist and credits her enthusiasm for cantorial singing to inspiration from its former Rabbi and Cantor Herbert Feder and Srul Glick, the shul's director of music.

Their program Jan. 20 comprises a blend of traditional and contemporary settings of liturgical texts, evocative Yiddish songs such as Fraylik Oyf der Nakht and Unter Boymer, and rousing ensembles. Each of the six women will do a solo.

Composers represented include Srul Glick, Benji Shiller, Ralph Schlossberg and Debbie Friedman. The accompanist will be Amy Gilbert, Temple Emanu-El's music director.

Kol Nashim's next concert will be in Hamilton at Temple Anshe Sholom on April 21.



Kol Nashim members (from left) Linda Segal, Esther Ghan Firestone, Ruth Slater and Phyllis Angel Greenberg rehearse with pianist Amy Gilbert. [Graphic Artists photo]

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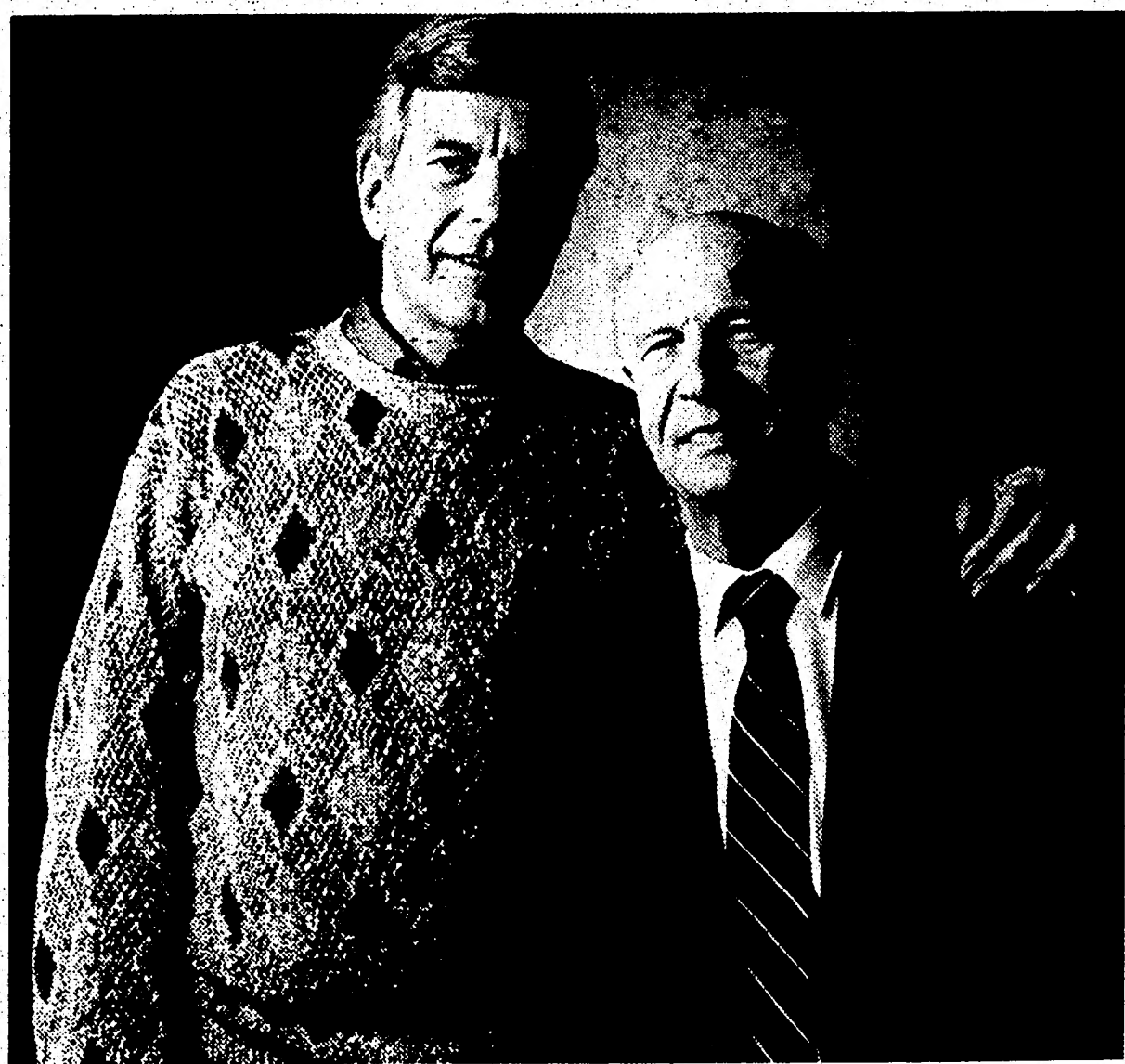
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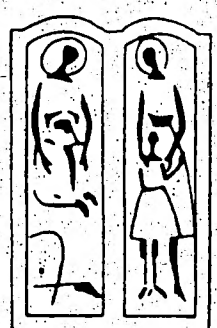


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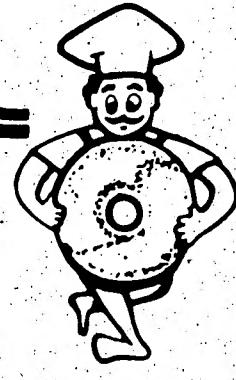
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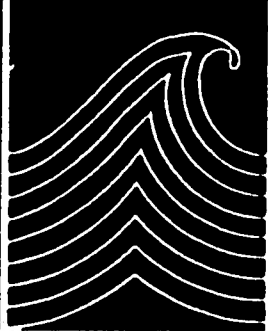
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Fashion

Israelis discovered a sense of style in 1988: expert

By
SARAH SCHACHTER

"Israelis' sense of fashion has improved enormously" over the past year, says Greer Fay Cashman, Israeli journalist and fashion expert.

"Not many years ago, Israeli manufacturers had a policy of exporting their finest collections, without trying new fashions out on the local market. Today, goods are being released on the local scene, and Israel has taken its place as a world fashion centre."

"You just have to walk down the street to see that Israelis have become more fashion conscious. Israeli men used to be totally conservative in their dress, whereas today you can see men wearing the brightest

colors, the wildest prints."

However, Ayala Raz, who directs the Department of Fashion Design at Shenkar College of Textile and Fashion in Ramat Gan, is less impressed with the development of Israeli fashion consciousness.

"Israeli women have no self confidence when it comes to clothes," she said ruefully. "They will buy any outfit, flattering or not, so long as the saleswoman assures them it is fashionable. I remember seeing short, plump women wearing wide belts when that look was 'in' though they looked awful."

"Israel cannot compete with the cheap prices of garments made in the Far East." Instead of seeking out ways to produce ever cheaper goods, Israeli

manufacturers should continue to seek out their niche as creators of original, quality made items."

Recently, Revlon sponsored a fashion show at Shenkar, featuring creations by students who took as their sources of inspiration three aspects of Israel: desert, sea and city.

Last winter, Israeli designers passed up traditional winter fabrics, favoring linens, cottons, denim, gabardines, jersey ribs, polyester silks and satin sheer viscose.

"Summerweight fabrics have been worn in winter in America for years, teamed with coats and jackets in insulated fabrics," Cashman explained. Homes and office buildings in Europe and America are so well heated that there is no

longer a need to wear heavy clothing indoors.

"Israeli manufacturers have finally caught up to the fact that they need not be locked into a dual season concept. Israelis used to wear drab colors through the winter. Today, bright and volatile colors add notes of cheer to the gloomy winter season."

Important colors last winter were strong royal purple, white, reds, oranges, and delicate pearly pink.

Ethnicity is in all over the world, and in Israel last winter. Cashman said, "clothing became a kind of United Nations, with ethnicity borrowed from here and there." Glorious yarns and intricate designs, created by computer technology, picked up the themes of Peruvian and Scandinavian motifs in Israeli knitwear by Gabi Model, Dorina, and Mag in 2-3- and 4-piece ensembles. Sweaters were longer and shoulders continued to be boldly padded.

Soviet "glasnost" policy had its effect upon Israeli fashion, where Russian



Model wears T-shirt and mini by Honigman.

Cyrillic script was emblazoned across numerous items in sportswear and knitwear. Leather wear, too, showed sources of inspiration in traditional concepts of Russian dress as worn by Tolstoyan aristocracy.

1988 was a year of extreme differences in style, on the international scene and in Israel. Silhouettes ranged from body hugging to blouson, necklines could be all revealing or concealing, colors ranged from the brightest brights to the palest neutrals, and fabrics included sturdy denims and delicate lace.

Israeli designers indulged in dramatic and

sassy summer creations inspired by the opera: hooped flamenco skirts, off the shoulder necklines, boleros, frilly sleeves. The Orient inspired designers to create sarong skirts, using opulent fabrics, brilliantly colored taffetas and wild silks.

Summer on the Israeli fashion scene featured floral prints, pastels and bright colors; the summer palette emphasizing black, the palest pastel lilac, yellow, bright red, spice and hot pink. Short shorts were indubitably out and Bermuda-length shorts were very much in, for both men and women. Bathing suits featured metallic

prints and rounded bodices. Colored hoop earrings and ever-widening belts were in.

"The Orthodox woman in Israel has a far better fashion selection today than she did several years ago," Cashman noted. "There has been a significant upgrading of clothes with longer skirts, long sleeves, not as tight."

In summer active wear, the Olympic scene remained a dominant theme, with Israeli designers featuring the Olympic rings, the bright primary colors of national flags, and prints of the Olympic emblem. Stripes, nauticals and the yachting image were big this past summer.

One fashion event that never fails to lure the general public is Israel's Fashion Week, held twice yearly. (The next event will be held in Tel Aviv Feb. 21 to 23.) Attendance by foreign buyers has dropped recently, due to an economic recession in Europe, but Israeli manufacturers looking for export markets, still see the fashion weeks as the best opportunity available for meeting foreign buyers and showing them what Israel has to offer.

Exports last year for the Israeli fashion and textile industry reached \$607 million (U.S.), showing an increase of 27.5%. Clothing exports alone reached a new high of \$416 million. Britain is Israel's best customer for fashion and textile products, representing 31% of Israeli export sales. The United States buys 24%, West Germany 21%, and France 10% of fashion goods exported by Israeli manufacturers.

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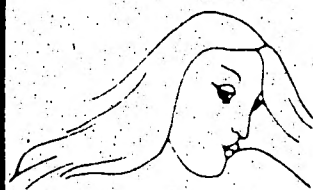


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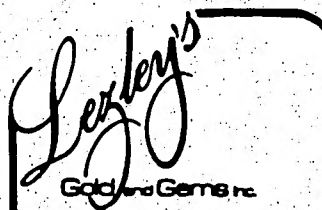


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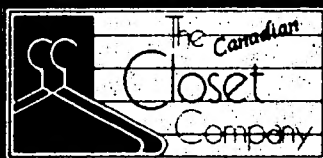
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Dangerous Liaisons redolent of decadence, depravity

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

With *Dangerous Liaisons*, Stephen Frears charts new ground as a director.

Bursting into mainstream cinema with *My Beautiful Laundrette*, a bittersweet drama about racial tensions in London, Frears next directed *Sammy and Rosie Get Laid*, a kind of sequel with an overlay of sexual malfeasance.

Nobody's Fault could use ruthless editing

TORONTO —

I haven't seen the previous four screen versions of *Little Dorrit*, but the latest one is certainly ambitious.

Based on a novel by Charles Dickens, *Little Dorrit* runs to some 6 hours, and is therefore being shown in two parts. Judging by the first segment, *Nobody's Fault*, which has been adapted and directed by Christine Edzard, *Little Dorrit* merits some plaudits.

As a mordant satire on degradation, greed, bureaucratic venality and repression, it's wise to the ways of the world. Arthur Clennam (Derek Jacobi), the chief protagonist, stumbles from one personal crisis to the next, an ineffectual middle-aged man whose path is crossed by a panoply of vain, humble, hypocritical, kind and noisy characters that only a Dickens could have created.

Clennam, having returned to Britain after 20 years in China, is reunited

In short order, Frears came up with *Prick Up Your Ears*, a searing film about the promiscuous working-class British playwright, Joe Orton.

In *Dangerous Liaisons*, Frears moves back a couple of centuries, to pre-revolutionary France, and gives us a rather weighty period piece about the battle of the sexes based on Choderlos de Laclos' classic, *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*.

with his cold, austere, Bible-thumping mother, only to discover that he no longer has a place in her dark home.

In an effort to reorder his life, he invests in a partnership. Then, in a succession of trials and tribulations, he tries without success to obtain a government patent, attempts to free William Dorrit (Alec Guinness) from debtors' prison and finds himself infatuated with his plain daughter, Little Dorrit (Sarah Pickering).

Nobody's Fault, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, is set on a grand scale, and the performances, particularly those of Jacobi and Guinness, are positively immaculate.

But regrettably, the pace tends to be glacially slow, to the point of tedium, and there are times when the compulsion to sleep becomes overpowering.

Edzard, obviously, has fine intentions. But she would have done well to have edited *Nobody's Fault* ruthlessly. — S.K.

Starring three very competent actors, Glenn Close, John Malkovich and Michelle Pfeiffer, *Dangerous Liaisons* is an adaptation of a play performed by the Royal Shakespearean Company that opened in New York in 1986.

Like the play, Christopher Hampton's screen version seethes with gamesmanship, cruelty, betrayal, perversity, revenge, irony, and lust.

Full of psychological twists and turns, *Dangerous Liaisons* centres around the coiffed, corseted, perfumed Marquise de Merteuil (Close), the roguish, malevolent Vicomte de Valmont (Malkovich) and the prim, proper Madame de Tourvel (Pfeiffer).

Merteuil, insanely jealous that her most recent lover, Bastide, has left her to marry a virgin, recruits a former paramour, Valmont, to seduce and deflower Bastide's intended bride, the inexperienced Cecile de Volanges (Uma Thurman).

Valmont, having compiled an enviable record of sexual conquests, demurs, having set his sights on a greater challenge — the seduction of Madame de Tourvel, the pious bourgeoisie who would never even think of betraying her husband.

As it happens, Valmont seduces both Tourvel and Volanges, creating a crisis for himself and all the parties concerned.

Dangerous Liaisons, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, reeks of 18th century decadence and materialism. After watching these characters at play, one understands why the masses rose up in revolt



Glenn Close, John Malkovich and Michelle Pfeiffer in *Dangerous Liaisons*.

and deposed them ruthlessly.

Frears brings a subtle, ironical eye to the proceedings, considering nothing sacred. Regrettably, the film is encased by a torpor and claustropho-

bia which never quite dissipates. As such, Frears' picture is something of a disappointment.

Close, a cynical smile framing her oval face, is a Machiavellian plotter par excellence, a woman who

exercises her intelligence through the power of seduction. Malkovich, intense and languorous, has considerably more scope in his role. He's a reptilian seducer. Pfeiffer, looking as frail as a wounded bird,

waxes and wanes.

The sets are rich and lavish, matching the dialogue. Shot in a series of eight regal chateaux in the vicinity of Paris, *Dangerous Liaisons* is redolent of degeneracy and depravity.

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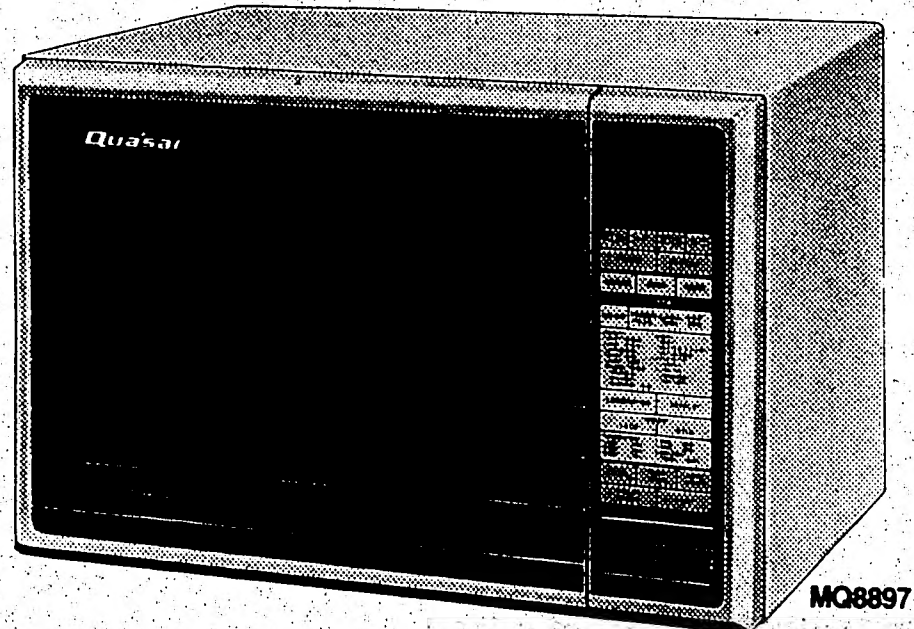
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Arts

Showbiz Mishmash

Sing along troubadour Mitch Miller spritely at 77

By
FRANK RASKY

Here's good news for people who secretly like crooning in the shower.

The news is even better for the outright extroverts who publicly love to sing along with Mitch.

Mitch, of course, is Mitch Miller.

If you were around in the 1950s and 1960s, you surely remember him as the Jewish emcee with the spade beard and infectious enthusiasm who conducted the popular *Sing Along With Mitch* show on the CBS TV network.

He was also responsible for packaging the record albums bearing the same title. They sold a phenomenal 24 million copies, because they contained choral renditions of catchy tunes such as *Tzena Tzena*, *The Yellow Rose of Texas*, *The Bridge on the River Kwai Theme Song*, *The Children's Marching Song*, and *Do-Re-Mi*.

Well, the Sing Along troubadour is back, his beard grayer now that he's 77, but he's as ebullient as ever. I look forward to joining him at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 29, at Roy Thomson Hall, where the audience will participate in a "Sing Along With Mitch Tribute to Irving Berlin."

In addition, we'll be hearing the maestro conduct the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony in a pops concert which will include as well works by Richard Strauss, Benjamin Britten, Pietro Mascagni, and Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

His fans may well be surprised to learn that the Rochester-born musician, who since the age of 15 was playing the oboe and English horn with symphony orchestras, was also renowned as "Hit Maker Mitch."

He won that title during the two decades, beginning in 1950, that he served as the pop music department chief of Columbia Records. There he nurtured and supervised the disc careers of singers ranging from Tony Bennett to Frank Sinatra, from Rosemary Clooney to Dinah Washington.

"If you don't reach your audience, you're nothing!" he frequently said in his heyday. And he was famous for spicing his novelty records with gimmicky sounds, such as a tinny, tinkling harpsichord, French horns whooping in unison, skirling bagpipes to accompany Dinah Shore, and bull whips snapping for Frankie Laine's version of *Mule Train*.

No gimmick was too outrageous, as long as it sold records. He paired Rosemary Clooney with Marlene Dietrich to sing *Too Old To Cui The Mustard* and made a mint from the freaky-titled single, *Stinky Cheese Polka*, by Two Ton Baker.

Some of his feats are chronicled in an entertaining new book by Ted Fox. It's a collection of interviews with record producers titled *In The Groove: The Stories Behind*



Mitch Miller



Mike Todd

Elizabeth Taylor



Ernie Rubenstein



Paula Wolfson



Bob Zidel

The Great Recordings (McClelland & Stewart; 361 pages; \$16.95).

Here are quotes from Miller I found most enlightening.

On combining expertise in both classical and pop music: "The term 'classical' just means something that lasts. So I saw no difference. See, there's an art to everything. A great mystery writer is a great writer. It's like saying that Richard Rodgers is not Beethoven or Bach. And that's right, but there's room for both."

On helping make Vic Damone, Patti Page and Johnny Mathis stars: "My father, a Russian immigrant metal worker, used to have a saying: 'You can't make bullets out of baloney.' Well, these people just had talent, and you'd uncover it. You can't put in what isn't there, but you can remind them of what they have and they're not using."

Barracks Ballads on record

On what makes people buy a record: "Nobody sees a record. You can hear it for nothing on the air. So the record you buy must have some unique quality that makes you want to play it over and over again."

"To this day, there are some great records I'd call performance records you'll never tune out if they're on the radio. But you'll never buy them, either. We call those turntable hits."

On the origination of the *Sing Along* records: "We were sitting around the office one day, and a staff guy named Stan Kavan said, 'Why don't we do some of the songs the guys sang in the service and call it *Barracks Ballads*?'"

"So I said, 'Hey, it's not a bad idea.'"

"I always liked to play devil's advocate, and ask who's going to buy a record, and why. I reasoned that the guys who'd been in the army wanted to forget about it, and those who weren't servicemen couldn't care less."

"But the idea kept nagging at me. I began to ask Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Kiwanis and Rotary members. What are the songs you sing when you get together at a party?"

"I made columns like a Chinese menu. All the songs that appeared in everybody's column I put on the first album."

"Then I got the idea of making it sound improvised, which is not easy. Ukulele, guitars, drum, accordion, and harmonica. 'Jiggys Carroll worked out simple but interesting harmonies, because we wanted people to be able to sing in the right key and tempo, and, if they didn't want to sing, we wanted them to enjoy listening."

"The tempo and feeling

had to be right. And the records took off like a rocket in the midst of rock 'n' roll."

On modern rock-'n'-roll record producers: "Producers today are carpenters, mostly. They're not professional musicians, with a sense of aesthetics, interested in nurturing talent. They're lawyers and accountants. They're interested in making deals, promoting illiterate adolescent amateurs who couldn't adlib a burp after a radish dinner, and getting their own names on albums."

On the joy of guest conducting at pops concerts: "I've come full circle — back to symphony orchestras. I conduct all the major orchestras in America, Italy, Canada, some in Mexico. I'll tell you why I'd like to keep doing this. It's live. You strip all the crapola away. No editing, no retakes. People have to pay to hear you. They have to like you or you won't be re-engaged."

"And I like that kind of atmosphere to work in, with consummate pros. The people are talented and we respond to each other, and we create an emotional experience that takes three or four thousand people out of the here and now, which only symphonic music can do — and I can't ask for more."

I recommend Sheridan Morley's witty new biography, *Elizabeth Taylor: A*

Celebration (Penguin of Canada; 192 pages; \$29.95). I was especially intrigued by his comments on her marriages to the two of her six husbands who were Jewish — Mike Todd and Eddie Fisher.

Taylor's acting confidence

He says that the dynamic Todd (a street-smart Chicago ex-carnival barker originally named Avrom Goldenbogen) instilled in Elizabeth Taylor self-confidence in her acting ability and an earthy sense of humor. He writes that her refined English mother was horrified by the way Todd "persisted in sticking his hand down her daughter's cleavage while referring proprietorially to his 'good Jewish girl' — a religion in which Liz soon started to take instruction."

"Anytime this little dame spends outa bed," Todd said later of his new wife, "it's time totally wasted."

As for Fisher, he writes that "the problem with him was that nobody, including Liz, seems to have been entirely sure what he was there for. An amiable if not terribly talented pop singer, he was usually faintly in the background, as if Liz had lost a suitcase and he'd been told to be sure and stay behind to locate it. In-

deed, while still technically on a Fisher honeymoon, Liz was rumored to have already gone off for an affair with Max Lerner, one of the few American press columnists who had loudly defended her right to remarry so soon after Todd's death in a plane crash."

Life as Mrs. Fisher was seldom easy, Morley remarks ironically: "She had only to announce that she had, in deference to Eddie and the late Mike Todd, adopted the Jewish faith, for the whole of the Arab League to ban her pictures. It was an intriguing act of national censorship, which meant that hundreds of thousands of Egyptians were later spared the sight of her as the Queen of the Nile in *Cleopatra*."

A tip of my hat this week goes to the following Jewish creators in the arts.

Cats will be meowing again on Jan. 27 when the feline musical returns to open at Massey Hall (593-4828). Also purring happily will be Ernie Rubenstein, the 47-year-old chartered accountant who for the past 15 years has been the silent partner-

cum-business manager working in tandem with Marlene Smith, coproducer of the show. Later this year he'll be serving as operator of their company's fully restored Elgin/Wintergarden Theatre.

Montreal-born actor Bob Zidel was lucky enough to snaffle a plum villain role in a revival of Clifford Odets' classic 1937 drama about a violin-playing boxer, *Golden Boy*, running from Jan. 18 to 28 at Harborfront's Equity Showcase Theatre (963-9226). Zidel portrays Roxy Gottlieb, the capitalist boxing promoter with a big "flabby mouth."

The show may be lackluster, but Toronto klezmer singer Paula Wolfson adds a welcome sparkle to *Valentine Browne: Live!* at the Canadian Stage Company Free Theatre (368-2856). I predict a great future for her.

My exit line comes from Robertson Davies, author of the absorbing new novel, *The Lyre of Orpheus* (MacMillan of Canada, \$25.95): "In Canada, we may know little about literature, but we are great experts on questions of Respectability."

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Two comic firecrackers fizzle rather than sizzle

By
FRANK RASKYTORONTO —
I'm sorry to report that two new shows in town, each touted as being a

comedy firecracker, both fizzled out and proved to be disappointing squibs.

Or, to put it another way, they were pretty well all puff and no stuff.

It's too bad, because each

of these duds showed a glimmer of imagination that somehow went astray.

* * *
Most disappointing of the two is *Valentine Browne: Live!*, running until Feb. 5

at the Canadian Stage Company's Free Theatre (26 Berkeley St., 368-2856).

It's basically a 1-woman showcase for Susan Cox, a Stratford Festival and English music hall performer of many talents. She has written and staged a musical satire that is supposedly a parody of an egomaniacal rock-'n'-roll superstar named Valentine Browne.

It begins promisingly. Cox struts onstage, a flashy figure in black fishnet stockings and short leather skirt and jacket, helmeted with spiky blonde hair.

To the loud metal rock beat of a 4-piece band, she belts out two potent songs. One pokes fun at her self-proclaimed status, *I'm The Star, You're The Anonymous Audience*. The other is a spoof of her rags-to-riches legend, *I Was Born Poor During The War*, a recital of her struggle to the top from the slums of Liverpool.

After that, regrettably, the spoofery turns into saccharine sentimentality. It becomes, as I scribbled in my note pad, "a dog's breakfast... with no consistent theme."

The considerable talents of Cox and her two usually splendid Jewish backup singers, Paula Wolfson and June Garba, are wasted in an incoherent mishmash that's neither fish nor fowl nor good shmaltz herring. It's a self-indulgent folly.

Back in 1980, Cox won a Dora Award when presenting *Valentine Browne* as a Las Vegas su-Susan Cox is the star of *Valentine Browne: Live!* rock music satire at Canadian Stage Company's Free Theatre.perstar. In the next incarnation of her alter ego, let's hope that Cox gets herself a strong director and a detached writer to keep *Valentine* in line.* * *
Even more of a mixup is *On The Verge*, running until Feb. 5 at the Tarragon Theatre (30 Bridgman Ave. 531-1827).Written by New York poet-playwright Eric Overmyer, it's supposed to be an intellectual comedy whose wordplay is allegedly reminiscent of S. J. Perelman. Indeed, when it opened Off Broadway, the *New York Times* critic

called it "a fountain of language — alliterative, assonant, hyperbolic and onomatopoeic."

Well, speaking bluntly, I'd call it a piece of pretentious and precious whimsy-whamsy, too coy and arch for words.

Its imitation of a plot involves three Victorian lady explorers, equipped with monologues as pithy and indigestible as their helmets, who set out in 1888 bushwhacking their way on a time-warp journey through *Terra Incognita*.Again, it begins with a potentially amusing premise, but bogs down in atrocious puns (a "moose mousse") and verbose jabberwocky that's more bewildering than funny as it strains for an *Alice In Wonderland*-like style of humor.

When the women reach a toll bridge in Darkest Africa operated by a troll, one of the long-skirted trekkers exclaims: "A troll's toll. How droll. He's good. But no Robert Lowell."

Well, Overmyer is clearly no Perelman or Lewis Carroll. I felt sorry for the three gifted actresses (Susan Coyne, Deborah Kipp and Catherine Disher) trapped in their tedious travels along what is termed, with a nudge of the elbow, "the yellow-brick road."

I sneaked out at the first intermission, cutting short my journey into boredom.

Mission to pursue harmony

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Three slim volumes newly published by Philipp Feldheim provide a surprisingly comprehensive view of the relationship between man and his world.

The active pursuit of harmony is the goal of mankind and of the Jew in particular, according to the traditional sources invoked by Rabbi Elie Munk in *Ascent to Harmony*.

"The lofty ideal of perfection is fixed and static, allowing for no further progress," he writes. "Harmony is a dynamic, ongoing process, the very purpose of life."

Man's mission, says Munk, "is to harmonize the threads of his being — his talents, thoughts, actions, and emotions — so that he will be in harmony with God's creation."

Munk synthesizes kabbalah and halacha in his 95-page hardcover book.

The world was created in a state of equilibrium. Man's actions on the universe's mechanism, as symbolized by the 10 sephirot (domains of force and energy that interact with each other), are critical.

A wrong move or "even a minor vibration" can send amplifying tremors through the system that "might result in massive destruction." The right action aims at *tikkun*, restoration, repairing the damage done by wrongs and offences. *Tikkun* will result in the brotherhood of mankind in "universal acceptance of God's reign over the entire world."

This final work of Munk's, who died recently, is an enlightening

volume in itself, clear and easy to use. It can also be a guide to his previous works, comprehensive expositions on *Hashkafah* (traditional Jewish worldview) and liturgy that bear immense scholarship with ease.The universal moral and ethical standards, those incumbent on non-Jews as well as Jews, are clearly presented and described in Chaim Clorfene and Yakov Rocalsky's *The Path of the Righteous Gentile*.

These standards are based on the Seven Laws of Noah stated in Genesis 9:1-17. The Talmud encapsulates them as: civil justice; the prohibition of blasphemy (which includes giving false testimony under oath); idolatry; incest (extended to include adultery and other sexual infractions); murder; theft; and the prohibition against eating flesh cut from a living animal (extended to subjecting animals to any form of cruelty).

During the time of the Temple, non-Jews who observed these laws were permitted to live in Israel, enter the Holy Temple, and offer sacrifices. According to tradition, they will be able to sacrifice again in a restored Temple in the messianic age, and there proclaim the sovereignty of God over all people and faiths.

Homosexuality is forbidden, the authors point out, whether performed with a consenting party or by force, in public or in private.

Charity is incumbent on the individual and on the society in which he lives, in proportion to affluence.

Murder is subject to capital punishment.

This well annotated 140-page volume, concise and clearly written, is an informative text for literally all peoples.

David Rossof's *Land of Our Heritage* describes the history, halachot, legends, and roles of the land of Israel, which, according to Jewish tradition, is at the centre of the world. The book's approach is modern and functional.

There is a great deal of information in this 220-page book, which should impart some fresh knowledge to even the most expansive of readers.

This reviewer, for example, was fascinated with the distinction between the popular Jewish custom of saying prayers over the gravesite of tzaddikim, and necromancy, supplicating the dead.

Yishuv Ha'Aretz (settlement of the Holy Land) has been the subject of four traditional approaches, which Rossof outlines. Whether a commandment from the Torah, from the rabbis, half-and-half, or strictly a voluntary duty, the consensus is that "the value of performing commandments is magnified in Eretz Yisrael because of its holiness."

Leaving Eretz Yisrael is virtually prohibited. A vacation or a higher standard of living is not among the reasons permitted by the rabbis. Making a living, obtaining medical treatment, and saving someone's life (including one's own in time of war) are among the reasons.

This multi-dimensional and timely guide to the eternity of the Holy Land begins where conventional travel and history books leave off.

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Arts

Honesty about dark side of human behavior

Ghan novel captures spirit of Jewish pioneers in West

By
JOEL YANOFKY

MONTREAL — Novels and short stories about life on the prairies have always had a dominant place in Canadian literature. Writers like W. O. Mitchell and Sinclair Ross have become famous describing the desolate and awe-inspiring landscape of the Canadian West.

Fiction about growing up Jewish in Canada has also played an important role in our national literature. Jewish writers like Mordecai Richler and Adele Wiseman, however, have concentrated on depicting city life.

In her first novel, Linda Ghan, who teaches creative writing at Concordia University, has successfully combined these two significant but otherwise unrelated — at



Linda Ghan

least until now — themes in CanLit.

Set in rural Saskatchewan in the early part of the 20th century, *A Gift of Sky* (Prairie Books) tells the story of a young Jewish girl coming of age in "the world of big sky and low land."

Sara Schiller is the narrator of the tale by Ghan

who herself is originally from Hoffer, Sask. When we are first introduced to Sara she is a 4-year-old child whose earliest memories are of being picked up and thrown in the air by her Uncle Yacov. By the time the novel ends she is an adult: obviously and inevitably shaped by the place where she has grown up.

In between, though, we don't just watch Sara grow up, make friends, and enemies, learn about life and death, fall in love, get a job as a teacher; we watch the community where she lives evolve and gradually mature. In fact, the town doesn't even get its name — Short Haul — until 60 pages into the book.

Although Sara is born and raised in Canada, her parents and most of the adults residing in Short

Haul are recent immigrants to the new world. Invariably, these adults have brought the narrow beliefs of the old world with them. At the start of the novel, Sara comes home crying because she has been called "a dirty Jew" by her Norwegian classmates.

By the end of the novel, though, Sara and her family have forged close friendships with their neighbors.

In *A Gift of Sky*, the Jewish immigrants who come to the Canadian wilderness, courtesy of the Jewish Colonization Association and Baron de Hirsch, are not exactly model citizens either. They are frustrated by and unaccustomed to rural life. As one newcomer says:

"Who ever heard of Jews on a farm? In the old country we lived in villages like human beings. You looked out the window,

there was a house beside, a shop across the street with what to buy. Now, we talk to cows."

The Jewish immigrants are also distrustful of their neighbors. Aaron Schiller, Sara's father, who is helping the Jewish Colonization Association assist new settlers, explains their behavior this way: "They've lived all their lives, for generations, like slaves. . . . Why should they believe it when finally they are treated fairly with respect? It's natural that they don't trust us."

Aaron also believes that it is the next generation that will make the difference. He tells Sara: "Moses made the slaves from Egypt wander the deserts for 40 years until the people who had lived and thought like slaves died off. He took the children of freedom into the promised land. Wait. You'll see what their children will become."

The characteristic weakness in first novels and most coming-of-age stories is that they tend to be too nostalgic and too sentimental. That is not true of Ghan's novel. There is an honest and dark side of human nature and behavior that runs through the narrative.

Parents mistreat their children, brothers don't al-

ways get along, friends are petty and jealous of each other, school teachers are nasty. Life is sweet, but it is also hard.

As Sara's grandfather tells her in the first chapter: "In every story there is good and there is bad. The good — the rain, the sun, mama and papa taking care of you — helps you grow. And the bad things . . . from the bad things you learn what you can do because you must

struggle."

The other tendency in a coming-of-age novel is a passive hero or heroine — a character who has life happen to her. Sara Schiller is the exception to the rule. Obstinate and proud and a little wilful, she is sure of herself and her place, always prepared to speak her mind and speak up for herself. By the end of *A Gift of Sky*, she is a character readers will miss and will be anxious to meet again.

Soviet-Israel film planned

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — A milestone in Israel-Soviet cultural relations was reached recently when Soviet film director Hertz Frank finalized a deal to co-produce with Israel a film about the Russian roots of modern Hebrew culture.

The film will trace the Russian influence from the first pioneers to today.

It will show Israelis in a light to which Russians are not accustomed, said Frank, who is Jewish and has a daughter living in Israel.

Analyzes human rights issues

Borovoy remains outspoken



books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

When Freedoms Collide: The Case for our Civil Liberties. By A. Alan Borovoy. Lester & Orpen Dennys, \$27.95.

Should the public be protected from hate propaganda and false news? Is pornography a threat to family values? Does any government agency have the right to intercept and open mail? What are the dangers of pre-trial publicity?

Should the police monitor washroom sex? Is the breathalyzer test an invasion of privacy? Is the censorship of books and movies necessary or desirable? Is the "notwithstanding" clause of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms a blessing or curse?

Does the fetus have any legal rights? Can the mentally ill defend themselves against compulsory confinement and medical treatment?

These and a variety of similar human rights issues are brilliantly analyzed in this lucid, balanced and helpful book.

For 20 years the author, general counsel of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, has attacked both those of the political right and left who would deprive us of our cherished rights. Courageous and outspoken, his targets include improprieties of the police and RCMP, misguided and uninformed legislators, intolerant labor unions and the inadequacy of legal aid services.

In an eye-opening chapter entitled, "Some Fundamental Misconceptions about our Fundamental Freedoms," Borovoy asserts that boards of inquiry are often the best way to deal with civil rights questions. "Going to court usually creates greater costs and delays than does the process at other tribunals. Such costs and delays have best served the interests of those who could best afford it: the people with the most money."

Lesson of Zundel, Keegstra trials

In the light of the recent decision by Quebec to invoke the notwithstanding clause in the Charter of Rights, Borovoy's considered judgment on the clause is noteworthy: "Civil libertarians should be grateful for whatever potential there is in the 'notwithstanding' clause to rescue the sovereignty of the people from possible usurpations by the judiciary."

Discussing the complex question of the rights of the unborn the author concludes that whatever rights

fetuses should have they "do not include commandeering the power of the state to keep them in the bodies of their non-consenting mothers."

The need to fight the drug scourge should not give police the right to strip suspects and subject them to bodily indignities. He argues that on the basis of the old Narcotic Control Act as many as 60,000 spectators at a Toronto football game could be legally subject to a compulsory genital examination. When he made this comment during a panel discussion a police officer shot back, "If the police actually did that, it would make for the greatest half-time show in history."

Borovoy does not believe that figures such as Zundel and Keegstra should be brought to trial. He is dismayed that their trials led to absurd debates over such claims that Auschwitz was a Jewish country club rather than a Nazi death camp and that gratuitous publicity was given to the views of cranks and misfits. "The important lesson of the Zundel and Keegstra trials is the need to develop a strategy that is at once

less dangerous to freedom of speech and more effective against racism than is criminal prosecution."

Despite widespread failure of the system, Borovoy is convinced that with intelligence, courage and humor "we stand a chance to preserve and perpetuate the precious institutions of political democracy — the only system this world has known that can generate an acceptable level of dignity and decency." Amen.

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GERRY MORRIS, The CJN's New York theatre critic, takes time out from the theatre to report on one of New York's great entertainment spots. Morris is a member of the Outer Critics Circle, Drama Desk and American Theatre Critics Association.

NEW YORK —

The Rainbow Room has always been a kind of touchstone of romantic New York, a room that is central to the image we all carry around in our minds of what we believe — or wish — the 30s to have been. There in the crowd when it opened in October, 1943, one imagines the likes of Cafe Society sophisticates Noel Coward, Elsa Maxwell and Cole Porter stylishly conversing to the staccato beat of New



Caricature of Gerry Morris by Al Hirschfeld

York's shimmering night skyline, dramatically showcased by the room's wraparound windows.

Fifty-four years later this freshly restored supper club still echoes with haunted memories of yesteryear when beauties and their beaus swirled to the music of such irreplaceable maestros as Duke Ellington, Woody Herman and Cy

Oliver, who purveyed their endless repertoire of melodic ballads at a time that has often been referred to as the Golden Age of American Music.

Over the years the Rainbow Room, though always an example of tasteful American high life — a step above mere art deco — had become a trifle shopworn. Three years ago, the Rockefeller Group, which owns Rockefeller Center, set aside \$20 million to return the room to its former glory, and at the same time completely remodel the complex of dining rooms and lounges on the 64th and 65th floors at 30 Rockefeller Plaza.

The new Rainbow Room is not glitzy, hard-edged or shrill. It is soft and warm. In a sense it expresses a Hollywood set designer's idea of what a supper club

should be.

"We want it unabashedly theatrical," said Joseph Baum, manager and creator of the newly resplendent room. He added, "For many people it will be a chance to remember. It has marked the rites of passage for so many generations, not to mention the fact that the Rainbow Room has always been one of the great settings for people-watching."

Everything from the three crystal chandeliers — the main one in the dome over the revolving dance floor and its counterparts in the northeast and southeast corners of the room — has been cleaned, polished or replaced. The 300 colored lights that give the room its name have been rewired to synchronize with the sound system, and flicker and fade in concert with the music.

Throughout the remodelled lounges and suites — other than the Rainbow Room itself — the architect, Hugh Hardy, has incorporated bold patterns in deep-set carpeting, hand-crafted cabinetry and paneling of inlaid woods, layered mirror-and-glass ceilings, etched glass friezes, terrazzo floors and subtly recessed lighting designs. While all that is new, the Rainbow Room regains the full figure of its former self.

The drama of entrance is as wonderful as the space itself. It is a room that you enter from the corners, on the diagonal, and then walk down several steps. All about the room like music-box figurines on the tiers of a wedding cake, waiters in

beige-colored tails flambe with great flourish.

Everything from the staff uniforms and service plates has been designed to come together to make a coherent whole, in a style that very slightly exaggerates, gently and respectfully, the motifs of American design of the 30s.

In this setting, a strange but humorous inconsistency occurred. Bedecked in jacket and ascot, (rather than a tie) I arrived with guests, and for a time my sartorial acceptability was in grave doubt. That is until I was gently admonished by an attractive and curvaceous night captain. She asked that I respect the room's protocol and replace my ascot with a regular tie (drawn from her vast collection). This I did, even though I vehemently imparted the fact that no less a sophisticated personage than Noel Coward wore a "trademark" ascot throughout his distinguished career. But alas, the elegant example fell on deaf ears, defeated by the vagaries of policy and time.

The Rainbow Room has the power of legend, holding comparable art deco status to Radio City Music Hall or the Chrysler Building. The uniqueness and nostalgic ambience have been lovingly preserved, all the way down to the burnished crystal-brass hand rail that supports you as you descend the stairs to a romantic encounter in a fantasy world where the hands of the clock are frozen in time.

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Shaloman takes his work seriously.

New Jewish superhero Shaloman flies from comics to Israel's rescue

By DAVID BIRKAN

A flying (but uncaped) superhero by the name of Shaloman is the star of *Mark I* comics, newly launched in Philadelphia by 57-year-old part-time artist Al Weisner.

Shaloman makes his debut in response to a desperate "oy vey" from Israel's prime minister (who's drawn to look like Yitzhak Shamir). The Jewish state is about to be blamed for the dastardly transformations wrought by the story's villain. From deep in a mountainous cavern, Dr. Treiff is using a ray gun to turn food in Syria into pork.

In true Superman style, Shaloman finds the secret laboratory, flicks off the deadly attempts to stop him, and destroys the

whole operation. There is nothing subtle here.

Congratulated by the prime minister, Shaloman changes back into a large letter sheen made of rock atop Mount Israel, somewhere in the Holy Land.

Dr. Treiff, who looks a lot like the late Egyptian leader Anwar Sadat, managed to escape. Presumably, he will be heard from again.

Included in the comic book are *Over the Edge Tales*, introduced by a sorcerer-like figure, which provide moral instruction at a graphic level. One story details the killing of two ardent would-be deer hunters.

The second is about a murderous hitchhiker who stabs to death a driver who has taken her to a motel room. The woman's sister was apparently raped and mur-

dered by an unidentified assailant, and she hopes to include him in the further killings of lewd drivers that she is planning. "Don't pick up any hitchhikers," concludes the sorcerer. "They just might be cut-ups, heh, heh, heh."

In a second comic book, titled *Shaloman*, a single adventure of the superhero fills the pages. Here he battles a destructive clone of him created by the evil of Dr. Treiff.

The comic books are available in Edmonton, Winnipeg, and Toronto.

This reviewer has two recommendations:

• Purchasers should look through their copies carefully before passing them on to their children.

• Owners should keep their copies. They could easily become collectors' items. Remember what happened with Superman.

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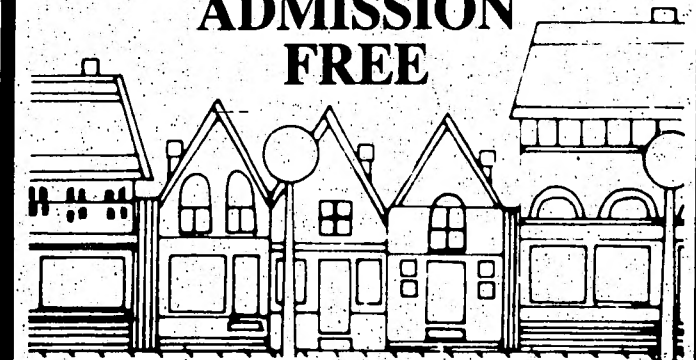
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Travel

Jews helped settle the West

Celebrations to mark 100th anniversary of six states

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

SEATTLE, Wash. — Six Western states mark their century of statehood in 1989 and 1990 — Washington, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. There will be year-long celebrations in each with history reenacted, rodeos, Indian festivals, parades, and much more.

In all these states Jewish settlers were there before statehood was declared. They came as miners, farmers, merchants, doctors and seekers of fortune. The history of these states show that they formed congregations, became mayors as cities developed and governors after statehood was declared.

In the small town of Deadwood, South Dakota, a gold mining town, this travel reporter climbed up the steep hill of Mount Moriah Cemetery to find at the very top the graves of many Jewish families. There is no synagogue in Deadwood today, and most of those Jewish families who were merchants and even miners are long gone.

There are synagogues in the state at Aberdeen, Rapid City and Sioux Falls, but not in the state capital of Pierre.

The major celebration in South Dakota will be the travels of 50 wagon trails all next summer to mark the advance of settlements throughout the state.

Before Washington on the Pacific coast was declared a state in Novem-

ber 1889, it was part of the Oregon Territory. U.S. Civil War General Edward Salomon was the first Jew to be named a territorial governor about 1860. Early Jewish settlers were mostly merchants, opening needed trading places across the mountainous state. Today there are sizeable Jewish communities in Seattle and Spokane, and synagogues in these cities and Tacoma.

Washington will have Centennial Winter Games at Wenatchee Feb. 23 to 26, a Pacific International Film Festival in May, and as a major centre of the aviation manufacturing industry a spectacular Wings Over Washington event on July 29, as well as many other events.

When the transcontinental railway development reached Cheyenne in 1867 Henry Altman was among the wagon drivers, peddling and renting tents to the railroad tracklayers. He started a store in 1867 in Cheyenne, then branched into ranching. He and Joseph Wasserman had the largest cattle ranch in the Wyoming Territory by 1880 before Wyoming became a state.

Another early settler was Simon Bamberger who later became governor of another Western state, Utah. Isador Evanston, who started a store in Evanston, later became the town's mayor. Today there is just one synagogue in the state at Cheyenne.

Wyoming's centennial celebration will include a Wild West Winter Carnival in February 1989 and 1990

in Boysen State Park and many more events including the daddy of all rodeos, Cheyenne Frontier Days the last week of July 1989 and 1990.

Idaho's first Jew was J. D. Farmer who came with the gold rush in 1864, just after Idaho had been declared a territory. Others came the next year to Boise, then a raw mining camp, and gradually moved from mining to merchandising. Moses Alexander started the first synagogue in 1895, later became mayor of Boise, the state capital, and then governor of Idaho. Today there are synagogues in Boise and Pocatello.

Idaho's centennial celebrations will be held in 1990 and will include a Winter Carnival at McCall on Jan. 26, 1990, a Dogwood Festival in April and May 1990, Statehood Day on

July 3, 1990 at Boise and many other events recalling pioneer times.

The first Jews into Montana before statehood came with the gold rush of the 1860s as miners, freighters, wagon drivers, merchants, hotel and saloon keepers. Ben Ezekiel was chief clerk of the first territorial legislature and Jacob Feldberg was a member of Virginia City's first council. Henry Jacobs was the first mayor of Butte in 1879.

Between 1873 and 1906 four Jews were grand masters of the Masonic Grand Lodge. Today Montana has a synagogue at Billings.

Montana will hold North American Indian Days at Browning July 14 to 16, 1989, a Centennial Cattle Drive from Roundup to Billings next Sept. 4 to 9, and many other centennial events.

The Baron de Hirsch Jewish Colonization Association created a Jewish farming settlement in 1882 near the capital town of Bismarck. That was seven years before North Dakota became a state. This and another similar farming set-

tlement were not very successful. But in 1892, three years after the state was formed, a Jewish congregation was formed at Grand Forks, where railroad development had attracted settlers. Today at Fargo, the state's largest city, there are

two synagogues.

Centennial celebrations in 1989 will include the National Folk Life Festival at Bismarck on July 4, Native American Day at Grand Forks April 5, and Statehood Day at Fargo on Nov. 2.



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160 kph.

Suburban trains, with their shorter distances, would be slower. In Haifa, lines would connect Nahariya, Acre, Haifa and Tirat HaCarmel. The Tel Aviv routes would join the city with Netanya, Herzliya, Petah Tikva and Ben-Gurion Airport. Another line would run between Bat Yam and Holon.

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The facility will include a 522-slip marina, a 10-acre park complex with river garden, and 70,000 square feet of village-style commercial areas accommodating retail and specialty shops, offices and restaurants.

The Main Street and Boardwalk renovation includes beautification and landscaping of this beachfront section, ultimately creating a shopping, dining and entertainment centre.

There are a number of options for recreational and sightseeing activities. The Tomoka State Park offers canoe rentals, fishing, nature trails, picnic areas and a museum. Blue Springs, near DeLand, is a beautiful clear spring and an official manatee refuge. Lake Woodruff Wildlife Refuge, also near DeLand, offers the ideal setting for observing and photographing the abundant Florida wildlife.

The Dixie Queen II riverboat offers daily cruises on the scenic Halifax River with two decks, enclosed climate control, and cushioned seats.

Farther south, Brevard County offers the closest ocean beaches to Walt Disney World. Sea World and other central Florida attractions. It is also the home of one of the state's most popular educational attractions — Kennedy Space Center's Spaceport USA, where visitors can explore space exhibits, experience the thrill of a shuttle launch in the IMAX Theater, and take a guided bus tour of Kennedy Space Center.

For nature enthusiasts, the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge is located nearby, offering sanctuary to more than 250 species of birds. Canaveral National Seashore to the north boasts beautiful buff-colored beaches.

Cocoa Beach, long regarded as a surfer's paradise, boasts a recent attraction, the LITTLE RIVER QUEEN. The vessel is a 65-foot paddleboat making two cruises daily on the Banana River, including a dinner and a romantic moonlight excursion. For those wanting a little more time on the water, Port Canaveral, east of Merritt Island, is home base for Premier Cruise Lines' "star ships," Royale and Oceanic.

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Brevard Museum guides conduct the Cocoa Village Walking Tour which showcases the restored historic district on the banks of the Indian River. Outdoor lovers can swim, sunbathe, surf, sail and fish along miles of unspoiled Atlantic Ocean beaches. Enthusiasts can go boating, waterskiing and fishing in the wide Indian, Banana or St. Johns rivers.

The Brevard Art Center and Museum in Melbourne houses exhibits ranging from ancient sculpture to modern art.

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Farther down the Atlantic shoreline, the serenely sophisticated "Treasure Coast" beckons visitors to sample its pristine state parks, and variety of wildlife. Each May, giant sea turtles crawl ashore on Jensen Beach to lay their eggs; nature experts guide groups to experience this phenomenon. Sebastian Inlet State Recreation Area is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean and Indian River and offers an excellent setting for camping, boating and fishing.

Vero Beach is perhaps best known for its role in the citrus industry and is a popular tourist spot. The historic Driftwood Inn lures sightseers with its rickety construction, un-

matched windows, and artifacts from sunken Spanish ships.

Family-style accommodations and luxury resorts welcome vacationers throughout this area. Restaurants to please every palate and a variety of shopping options await a visit. Club Med's first Florida facility is located in Port St. Lucie offering contemporary lodging and championship golf and tennis.

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Travel

Austrian, Swiss resorts popular

European slopes attract ski addicts

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

SALZBURG, Austria —

The snowcapped mountain peaks and the many small towns and villages between the mountains of western Austria are filled all winter long with skiers. They come to travel by cable car, gondola and chair lifts to mountain peaks and glaciers of upwards of 3,000 metres (about 10,000 feet) in height for the long and steep downhill runs.

Cross-country ski addicts venture through hundreds of kilometres of well-groomed trails between the mountain peaks.

Skiers come here from all over the world, but mainly from nearby European countries. Canadians and other North Americans come because of the consistent snow, the many lifts, and the reasonably priced accommodations in small, cozy resort communities.

For just over a century Switzerland's mountains have attracted skiers and other winter sports enthusiasts. Now St. Moritz, Gstaad, Davos and Zermatt are famous everywhere as outstanding ski resorts. There is skiing till mid-April at most resorts and at those with the latest in cable cars you can ski even into May and June on mountain slopes with deep snow.

Switzerland has over 200 licensed ski schools with some 4,000 multilingual ski instructors for young and mature skiers. There are some 1,800 different ski lifts, many of them

available on lift tickets which can be used at various resorts. Not only is downhill skiing popular, but this travel reporter has found good cross-country ski trails in northwestern parts of the country where snowcapped mountains are absent.

Skiing is the major part in the Austrian Tyrol region, which has over 1,170 cableways and ski lifts. Throughout the area are small, modern, balconied and comfortable hotels. Some of those I visited had indoor swimming pools, saunas and fitness facilities. At some of the resorts there are skiing rinks and toboggan runs. Prices range from the moderate to the expensive, with accommodations accordingly.

But whether you come just for the skiing or for seeing other nearby attractions, you will find plenty to interest in both countries. In Innsbruck, for instance, sightseeing buses will take you to the Winter Olympic site of the 1964 and 1976 events or to the Olympic Museum housed in a former ducal palace. The exterior of the museum dates back to the architecture of the Middle Ages.

Among museums in Innsbruck do not miss the 16th century Hofkirche, Court Church, with its 28 over life-size bronze statues of royal personalities of that time. You can visit or stay at the Golden Adler, Golden Eagle, an inn dating back to the 16th century where German poet Johann Wolfgang von Goethe used to stay.

In Salzburg, for example, you can visit not only the house where musician-composer Amadeus Mozart was born, but also the palace in which the movie Sound of Music was produced. Salzburg has a cathedral built over 1,200 years ago, museums to theatrical impresario Max Reinhardt, to folklore, toys and to natural history.

A number of Swiss winter resorts are near the federal capital city of Bern where one of the unforgettable sights is the 16th century clock-tower which provides a procession of animals following a jester on the striking of the hour. The city has a number of arcaded streets to provide shelter along shops when it rains and fountains with statues in the middle of the road.

Not far from ski resorts in central Switzerland is Lucerne where you can walk across a small lake on a covered 14th century wooden bridge. In northwestern Switzerland, also known as horse country, there is a recently-built clock and watch museum at La Chaux-de-Fonds, for in this area is the centre of the Swiss watch making industry.

Throughout both Switzerland and Austria there are synagogues and Jewish organizations, in main cities as well as in smaller towns. In Switzerland you'll find them in Arosa, Baden, Basle, Berne, Biel, Davos, Delemont, Fribourg, Geneva, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Lausanne, Lucerne, Lugano, Montreux, St. Gallen, Vevey. Winterthur and Zurich. In Austria they are at Salzburg and Vienna, with community centres in a few smaller places such as Innsbruck.



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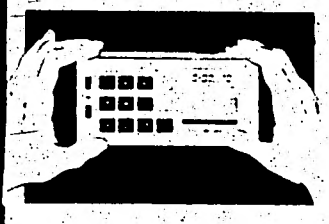
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\$719,000. Great family home. Generous living & dining rms. Ultra kitchen, 4 bdms., 3 baths, finished lower level w/nanny's quarters. Call Eve Hillman, 483-4337.

MT. PLEASANT/ EGLINTON

\$649,000. Renovated 2-storey. Kitchen/atrium addition. 3 bdms., 2 baths. Lower level w/spa & rec. rm. Swimming pool. Call Harold Hillman, 483-4337.

ALCINA AVE. — \$398,000

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\$469,000 — Smashing Victorian completely updated with new eat-in kitchen, 4 piece bath and powder room. W/o to interlocking brick private patio. Parking. Don't miss it. Call Michele Rosen 488-4488.

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1ST AD CEDARVALE - ROSTREVOR RD.

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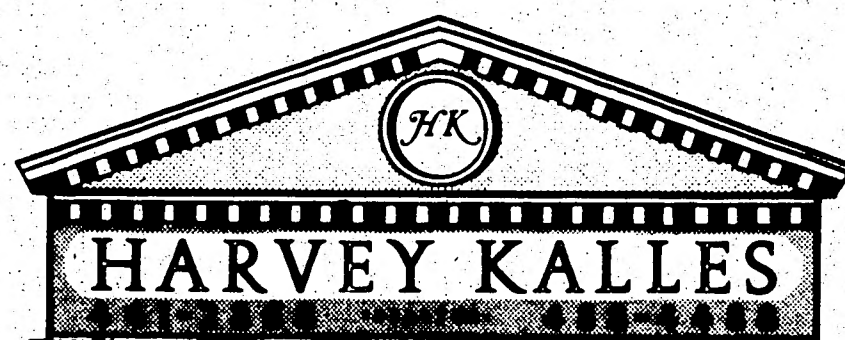
Location! Lovely 4-bdrm. home situated on quiet cres., stone's throw to bus link, Sheppard Centre; steps to subway. Fin. bsmt., side entr. Incredible potential!

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\$850,000 — Fabulous 2 storey, 3,800 sq. ft. Superb quality workmanship. Family room + library on main floor. Large dining room + kitchen. Bayview / Sheppard area. D. Ruscica 488-4488.

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\$809,000 — Dramatic open concept and soaring ceilings make this 4,430 sq. ft. home perfect for entertaining and luxury living. Don't miss this 4 bdrm, 4 bath home located in the Upper Village at Bayview/16th. L. Zuckerman / S. Seigel 488-4488.

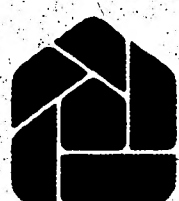
1ST AD CONDO-131 TORRESDALE

Fabulous entertaining space in this spacious 2 bedroom in most sought after location. Eat-in kitchen, 2 baths, fabulous view! Just move-in & enjoy. \$264,000 Gloria Freidman 441-2888.

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\$615K. Renovated duplex — shows to perfection, zoned for professional use. Walking distance to Yorkville. Rosa Diamond 488-2875.

OPENING IN 2 WKS. NR. UCC!

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BATHURST-WILSON — HARD TO RESIST!

Just listed! Impressive 12 yr. old custom built 2 storey, 4 bdrm. on 65' lot, fin. lower level with nanny's qtrs., gorgeous fam. rm., super value! Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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Charming 4 bdrm. Tudor, original architectural detail, 2 fireplaces, gleaming hwd. floors, \$659,900. Ruth Zbarsky, 731-7111.

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4 bdrm., mn. flr. fam. & laundry, dble. gar., extras, walk to synagogue. Value at \$349,900. Dillon Jones, 731-7111.

SPRING FARM — READY FOR YOU!

Luxurious 2,400 sq. ft., 3 bdrm., "Clarkhaven." Hollywood kitch., huge fam. rm., walk to all amenities. Steve/Ellen Fisher, 731-7111.

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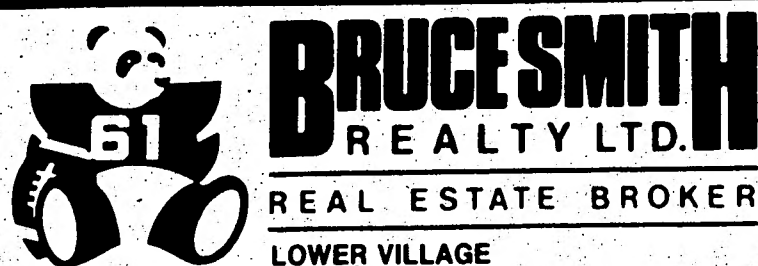
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Wolpert, Sara on December 24, 1988, late of 44 Elise Terrace.
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Baum, Ray on January 1, 1989, late of Cheltenham Nursing Home.
Lee, Anna, on December 27, 1988.
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High fibre diet benefits described at Jewish Diabetes Chapter

By BEN ROSE
TORONTO —

The advantages of a high fibre diet for diabetics were outlined recently at a meeting of the Jewish Diabetes Chapter at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Sheila Walker, a clinical nutritionist at Sunnybrook Medical Center, a Type I diabetic requiring three insulin injections a day for 20 years, said she has been able to cut down on the amount of insulin she needs by increasing fibre in her diet.

She showed a model of a typical meal served to Sunnybrook patients containing 1,500 calories, but no fibre at all, while a meal she prepared, with lentils, legumes and 1 ounce of chicken was high in fibre.

High fibre diets are good for Type II overweight diabetics because it reduces the feeling of hunger they have, Walker said. "But it is not suitable for people who don't like to cook and who eat out a lot."

A 2-day nutritional program every week at Sunnybrook is open to all diabetics, without need of referral, she said.

Another advantage of oat bran fibre, she said, is that it reduces

cholesterol by 25%. Wheat bran has no effect on blood sugar levels.

Another tip she offered is that diabetics take raw fruit in preference to juice, and in any case to have it at the end of the meal, not before.

Walker said white and whole wheat bread, mashed potatoes, corn flakes and ground rice are fast in raising blood sugar levels, while pumpernickel bread, baked potatoes, all bran, oatmeal and whole rice are in the intermediate category in this regard. In the slow category are kidney beans, lentils, pasta, barley, milk and legumes.

She advised against drinking milk to raise blood sugar levels because it is absorbed too slowly.

The occasional use of ice cream is permissible for most diabetics, she said.

One doctor with an excellent reputation in treating diabetics has recommended a half-hour walk after each meal, Walker stated.

Not only diabetics should be eating more fibre, the Sunnybrook nutritionist said, pointing out that doctors recommend 40 grams of fibre

a day. Most Canadians are getting only 10 to 20 grams a day.

She advised diabetics to choose the least processed food.

Beth Duviner, a nutritional advisor to the chapter, said Jewish rye bread has low fibre content while Jewish black bread is in the intermediate category.

She cautioned diabetics to be wary of foods described as dietetic and carbohydrate-reduced, citing chocolate chip cookies as an example. A chocolate bar making this claim has more calories than a regular bar, she said, and advised consumers to check with their diabetic branch on such foods.

A lot of so-called sugar free candies have sugar alcohols in them, she said.

Legislation requiring more explicit labeling of contents is badly needed, Duviner said.

She said she has difficulty in finding kosher ice cream in Toronto.

Helen Clinton, Dorothy Zeifman and Esther Schwartz introduced and thanked the speakers. Jeff Rosen, chapter president, thanked Perrier, Searle Pharmaceutical and Staud's jams for supplying materials for the meeting.

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Business Outlook

Ontario Place cuts deficit but attendance down

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Attendance figures may have dipped slightly at Ontario Place in 1988, but the deficit at the provincial government's \$20-million tourist attraction looks as if it will be cut by more than \$1.5 million.

Patricia Starr, chairman of Ontario Place, said she was able to help reduce the deficit from about \$4.2 million in 1987 to a projected deficit of \$2.65 million in 1988 by cutting operating expenses and significantly increasing revenues from corporate sponsors by about \$700,000.

The ever-confident

Starr said she is hoping to continue along this path of running a "tight ship" in 1989 in order to further reduce the operating deficit.

Looking back at the first full season as Ontario Place's "head honcho," Starr expressed a sense of satisfaction at the changes which she has begun to implement.



Patricia Starr

"If you want to be successful, you have got to take a chance," she said. "The rewards are worth the risks."

This past season, more than 2 million visitors visited Ontario Place to take advantage of such new features as an 18-hole mini-golf course and a 100-seat shuttle boat from the entrance to the west side, Israel Day and the Benson and Hedges fireworks competition.

Although attendance was down by about 118,000 from 1987, Starr said this is due to the fact that the 1988 season was two weeks shorter.

However, despite this, 68,116 senior citizens graced Ontario Place with their presence, 1,854 more than in 1987. This included 19,563 seniors who

came in on Wednesdays when admission for seniors was free.

She said the increase in the number of senior citizens at Ontario Place indicates there was no real fallout from the board's decision to institute a half-price fare for seniors.

This admission price will remain at \$3 for seniors in 1989. Starr pointed out, as will the \$6 price for adults and \$2 fare for children.

While the admission price will remain stable this coming season, which opens May 18, the tourist attraction itself will not.

She said a senior citizens advisory committee has been created to help program more middle-of-the-road programming for seniors. This will also include, she pointed out, more programs on free admission days for seniors.

Seniors will not be the only age group to benefit from the changes though, Starr explained. She said Ontario Place will spend more on entertainment overall, including hiring roving magicians and musicians in Children's Village.

As part of its increased focus on entertainment, Starr said a Wintario lottery draw will be held in the Cinesphere to kick off

the 1989 season.

As well as improvements in entertainment, Starr said patrons should notice an improvement in the quality of food served, as a number of food concessions have changed. This will include a special kiddies menu in Children's Village.

To help more people make their way to the

waterfront site, Starr said a second bus route is being instituted which will run down Dufferin St.

"The focus is on people to get them to stay longer," said Starr, who credits her past and present involvement in the Jewish community for her success in such venues as Ontario Place.

"It's important to show leadership."

Accounting firms join to better serve clients

TORONTO —

Chartered accountants, Rosen, Ezrin, Ogus & Co. and Soberman Isenbaum & Colomby recently announced the merger of their firms.

In making the announcement, the partners of both firms stress that their clients will continue to receive the personalized individual attention, for which both firms have established a reputation. However, clients will also benefit from increased specialization of personnel and advanced technological support.

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In making the announcement, John Colomby, managing partner of Soberman Isenbaum & Colomby said, "This merger brings more strength to our practice by combining expertise in certain specialized areas and creates new opportunities for us to better serve our clients. The two firms are strikingly similar in philosophy by providing each client with the attention of one or more partners thus ensuring service at the highest possible level."

Irving Rosen of Rosen, Ezrin, Ogus & Co. says the merger is an appropriate response to the ever-increasing levels of complexity accounting firms must manage on behalf of their clients.

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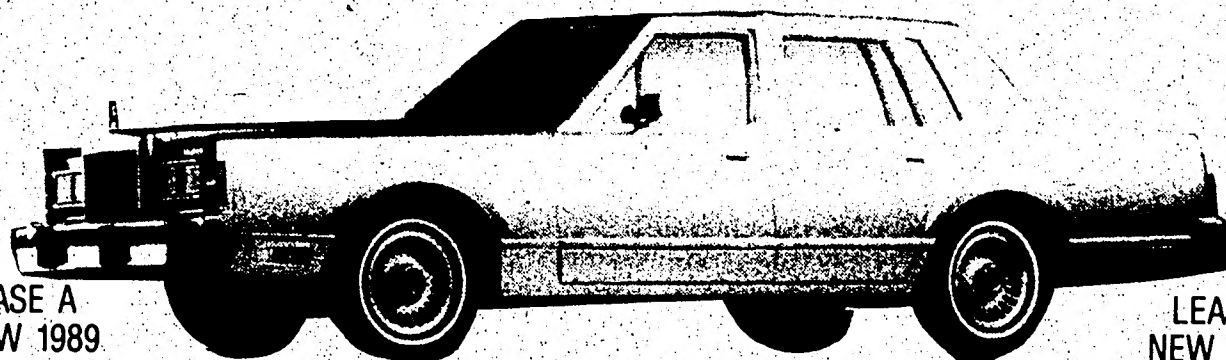
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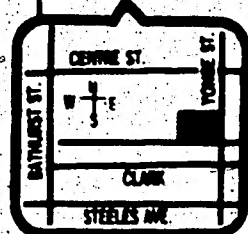


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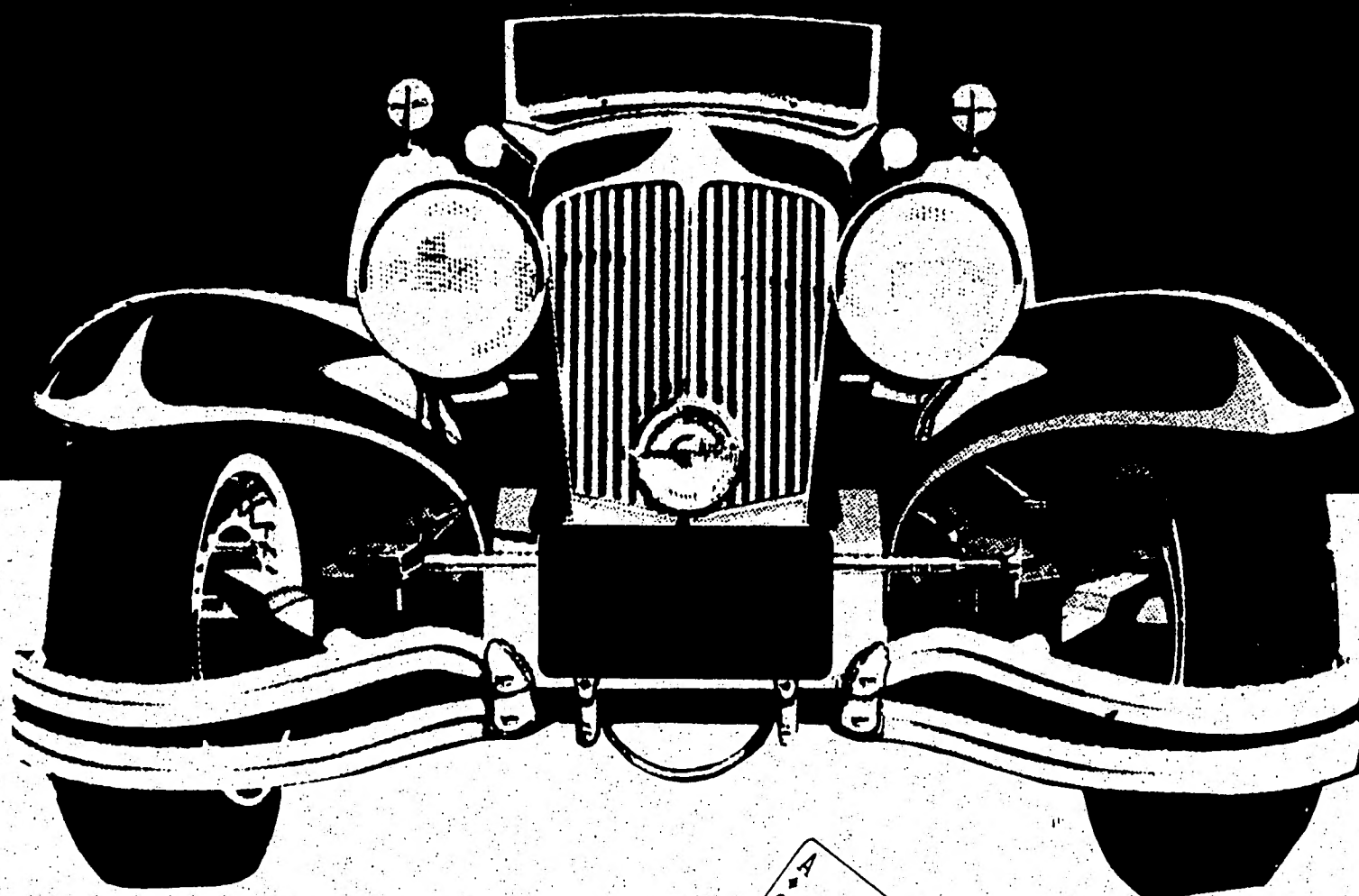
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“WELCOME TO FREEDOM”



*DO NOT WORRY, I AM NOT AFRAID, I WILL SEE THE FIGHT THROUGH
THEY CANNOT TRAMPLE ON MY SOUL, LET ALONE DESTROY*

ELENA KEIS,

from a segment of her poetry written while in refusal

Jewish Women's Federation is delighted to report that the Soviet Government has granted permission to **Elena Keis** and her family to leave the Soviet Union. **Elena** is expected to rejoin her sister in Israel sometime in January. The issuance of a visa at this time was critical due to the fact that **Elena's** son was eligible to be drafted into the Soviet army.

During the past year, Jewish Women's Federation "adopted" **Elena** as a pilot project to promote the program of adopting refuseniks among Affiliate organizations. Several tactics were used in order to put pressure on the Soviet government. **Elena's** situation was publicized through articles in the Canadian and American press. On June 21, 1988 a delegation from Toronto visited the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa to meet with **Ambassador Rodionov** and **First Secretary Choupin**. In the autumn of 1988, a telegram campaign was mounted.

Elena herself had written many poems about her thoughts while in refusal. Her poems were translated and published under the auspices of Jewish Women's Federation. The book of poems entitled **Believe, Me Sister** has been distributed to many groups.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In mid-November, I had the privilege of attending my first "G.A." in New Orleans. The Council of Jewish Federation's 57th General Assembly is the largest annual gathering of Jewish community members, lay leaders, and professionals from Canada and the United States. In Toronto, our Federation is called the Toronto Jewish Congress. Over 200 Federations were represented with more than 3,500 delegates; our delegation numbered 32 people.

We had the good fortune to listen to renowned experts in every field. Not only were we bombarded with information and offered a multitude of workshops and symposiums but we also had many opportunities to exchange and share ideas and meet those who held similar portfolios in other cities.



Etty Danzig, President, Jewish Women's Federation

I was proud of the leadership role that Toronto took in the "Who is a Jew" issue. I was particularly honoured to give a presentation of our success story with Refusenik **Elena Kels** at the "Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry."

The theme of this year's G.A. was "Kol Yisrael Areyvim Zeh Lazeh — All Jews are responsible for one another." It was both thrilling and heart warming to be among so many who really do care about the quality and continuity of Jewish life. This was truly an experience I'll never forget!

WOMEN'S SHOW

From November 24-27th, Jewish Women's Federation participated in a pilot outreach project by sponsoring a booth at the Women's Show, which was held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Coordinated by chairman **Bina Feldman** and her committee, **Ida Charney, Roz Frieberg, Susan Goldberg** and **Paula Mittleman**, the Jewish Women's Federation's handsome red and white booth was visited by 250 women. One of the highlights of entering the booth was the opportunity to participate in a raffle. The prize was an outstanding brass Chanukiah donated by **Dorion's Judaica Shop**. The lucky winner was **Wendy Goodman** who received her prize just in time for Chanukah.

Susan Goldberg, Vice President JWF, heads the Outreach Portfolio. Under her leadership, other projects using ideas, which were generated in the planning of the Women's Show, will be implemented in further efforts to educate Jewish women about our community agencies and organizations. You may find our red and white booth at a shopping centre in your neighbourhood or at your organization's next big event!

EDITORIAL

It is indeed with pleasure and deep satisfaction that we report our great success story: the release of our "adopted" refusenik, **Elena Kels**. Many communities and committed individuals pursued **Elena's** cause hoping, but not daring to expect, the release of **Elena**, her husband, and draft-age son. They triumphed beyond their dreams. **Elena** herself felt that her own dream of reaching Israel was so strong that it must come true. She was right. We admire her strength and eagerly look forward to meeting her when she travels to Toronto. Many thanks again to **Hilda Cohen** and her committee for helping to make it all happen.

A Women's Campaign update is featured in this issue. Included are announcements of two current workshops being presented by the Presidents' Council and by the Skills Development Institute. Both provide opportunities for members of our Affiliate organizations to enhance their skills as leaders in the community.

Your comments about IN TOUCH are welcomed. Please write to us.

*Lelaine Nemser,
Chair, Newsletter Committee.*

I am proud of the collective efforts of everyone in the Toronto community who worked so hard for **Elena Kels'** release. Jewish Women's Federation could not have done it alone. We thank each one of you who participated in the campaign by sending telegrams. Special thanks to **Hilda Cohen** and her committee: **Harriett Borza, Susan Borden, Vicki Campbell, Susan Cohen, Bina Feldman, Anita Franklin, Wendy Litwack, Gloria Morris, Helen Redner.**

Etty Danzig

Etty Danzig,
President,
Jewish Women's Federation

"Elena" continued

and is still available at a small charge by phoning **Debbie Estrin** at 635-2883, ext. 191.

Elena has promised that her first trip abroad will be to North America. In particular, she has promised to visit all her friends in Toronto. **Elena's** sister, **Anna Rosnovsky**, plays violin with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, and will be in Toronto when it presents a concert with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra in March. We are hoping that **Elena** will have the opportunity to accompany her sister and also to be the guest at Jewish Women's Federation's Annual Meeting.

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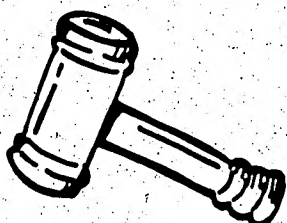
An exciting three-part series, **INSIDE AND OUTSIDE - REVAMPING FOR THE 90'S**, is being offered to Presidents and Vice-Presidents of our fifty-two Affiliate organizations to prepare them to meet the challenges of leadership in the next decade.

In the first workshop, held in December, **Elizabeth and Ted Sokolsky**, Jewish Communal professionals, explored personal styles of leadership and their effectiveness.

The second and third sessions, **JANUARY 23rd and 30th**, will be led by **John Martin**, CEO of the Martin Group of Companies, a management consulting and communications firm. He will examine how organizations can enhance and market their "image with a 90's appeal."

The program will also deal with the recurring problems of recruitment, retention and motivation of new leadership.

Presidents and Vice-Presidents can register by calling Fay at 635-2883, ext. 177.



SKILLS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

The Jewish Women's Federation has created the Skills Development Institute in response to the request from many of its Affiliates to help them groom confident and skilled leaders for their organizations.

Running now through to the end of February, the Institute offers sessions on effective telephone communication, public speaking, leadership styles, management tools and techniques, and life-style management.

Because the participants are drawn from different organizations, they will have the added opportunity to network with each other and to share common concerns, ideas and goals. For more information call Debbie Estrin at 635-2883, ext. 191.



U.J.A. NIGHT STAR PERFORMERS Karen Morton - l. and Didi Urbach - r. Co-chairmen of the evening with guest singer/speaker Mary Travers

WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN REPORT

As the 1989 UJA Campaign winds down, I reflect upon the past year and all that has occurred. It has been a year filled with challenges for all of us involved with the Campaign and especially for me, as Chairman.

Once again, the Jewish women of our city have responded so generously to the fundraising efforts of our central communal fund. So far this year, each of 10,000 women has made an individual contribution in her own name for a total of \$3.8 million, representing an average gift of over \$365! This campaign included over 800 new names, as we continued to reach out to our entire community.

UJA Night with **Mary Travers** was an emotionally charged event highlighting the plight of Soviet Jewry. Six hundred and fifty women attended this spectacular evening sponsored by Jewish Women's Federation and Women's Campaign. It was one of the most successful community-wide programs ever held, and we were delighted that so many of you could join us.

We have just completed our highly successful **Volunteer Enrichment Series**. Over 30 women attended the three part series during which they explored their Jewish identity, their Jewish world and their own unique potential. Many of these women will now assume positions on our Board for the coming year.

Although I would love to, I cannot personally thank each of you who worked to make this Campaign so successful. From our donors to our canvassers, from our educators to our committee members, you are the ones who make it all happen. You are the vital links in that unbroken chain of commitment that binds us together, as women, as Jews, and as part of our global "mishpocha." A special thank you to my executive, **Judy Scheininger**, **Carol Kassel**, and **Didi Urbach**, for their unstinting dedication and enthusiasm throughout the year.

To all of you, on behalf of the benefactors of your support, many thanks for showing how much you care and for truly "making a difference."

*Joan Stevens,
Chairman,
Women's Campaign*

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January

21 TU B'SHEVAT

21 Adath Israel Sisterhood, Women's League 70th Anniversary Shabbat "**Masorti - Conservative Judaism in Israel**", 37 Southbourne Ave., services 9:00 a.m., Luncheon following, Marsha Cohen, 731-3188

24 Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood, General Meeting, Tu B'Shvat seder lunch Economist Diane Cohen "**Where To Put Your Money in 1989**", 1950 Bathurst Street, 12:30 p.m., Susan Freedman, 491-7427, \$15 and \$20

28 Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood, "**Sisterhood Sabbath & Jewish History through Music**", 55 Yeomanis Rd., 9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m., Ida Charney, 633-1296

29 Lubavitch Women's League, The Wonderful World of Mitzvos - **A Jewish Children's Fair**, Puppet Theatre, Challah Baking, Carnival Games, Crafts, Refreshments, Lubavitch Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Mrs. Shternie Rosler, 731-5347, 731-7000

30 B'nai Brith Women's Council of Toronto, "**Jewish Medical Ethics**" Rabbi Korn, Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., 8:45 p.m., \$2 Ethy Lebow, 498-7773

February

14 Shaar Shalom Sisterhood, **Tour of Baycrest Facilities**, preceded by lunch in Women's Auxiliary Cafe, Baycrest Centre, 3560 Bathurst Street, 12:30 p.m., Tzini Manly, 881-9396 (*Tentative*)

18 Netivot HaTorah Sisterhood, **Trivia Night**, B'nai Torah, 465 Patricia Ave., 8:00 p.m., Joyce Levine, 222-9810

28 Beth Tikvah Sisterhood, Book Review-Cathy Tile "**Loving Kindness**" by Ann Roiphe, 3080 Bayview Ave. 8:00 p.m., Synagogue office, 221-3433

March

1 Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood, Book review of "**Loving Kindness**", by Anne Roiphe with Prof. Elaine Newton, 1950 Bathurst Street, 8:00 p.m., Susan Freedman, 491-7427, \$5 and \$10

1 Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary **Health Education Lecture**, Ben Sadowski Auditorium, Mount Sinai Hospital, 600 University Ave., 1:00 p.m., Irene Geras, 586-8290

7 Shaar Shalom Sisterhood, "**Teen Sexuality**", 2 Simonston Blvd., 8:00 p.m. Marsha Feldberg, 764-0992

8 Beth Tikvah Sisterhood, "A Fashion Duet", **Women's and Men's Fashion Show**, boutiques for shopping, 3080 Bayview Ave., 8:00 p.m., Ellie Shulman, 221-0155, Hedy Goodin, 731-2774

12 Netivot HaTorah Day School Parents' Association, **Skating Party**, Mitchell Field Arena, 89 Church St. 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Fern Orzech, 783-8113

17-18 Lubavitch Women's League, Weekend Retreat, "**Feeling, Relating and Coping - The Challenge of the Jewish Woman in 1989**", Lubavitch Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate, Mrs. Rachel Olensky, 731-4717, 731-7000

April

3 Shaar Shalom Sisterhood, **Pesach Workshop** - with Rabbi Howard Markose, 2 Simonston Blvd., 8:00 p.m., Marsha Feldberg, 764-0992

Tentative date:
JEWISH WOMEN'S FEDERATION
Annual Meeting
March 16, 1989
9:30 a.m.
Conference Center - 4th floor
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4600 Bathurst Street
We hope that we will be joined by:
SPECIAL GUEST: Elena Kels
Open to the Community

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4 Toronto Hadassah - WIZO, **An Evening with Itzhak Perlman**, Roy Thompson Hall, 60 Simcoe Ave., 8:00 p.m., Sharon Kroft, 789-4373

5 Ontario Branch Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Social Awareness Day - "**The Challenge of Welcome and Integration**", Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Debby Gollom, 225-8251

9 Associated Hebrew School Parents' Association, **Annual Spring Tea & Fashion Show**, Markham Suites Hotel, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Cindy Meltz, 756-0478, Mary Bien, 731-6123

11 Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood, All Reform Sisterhoods "**Abuse Shock of the 80's**" with panel, Barbara Pressman, Barbara Atlas, Eleanor Cooper and Moderator, Rabbi B. Baskin, Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst Street, 7:30 p.m., \$2, Gail Eisen, 927-8195

13 Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary, **Annual Gala Ball**, Sheraton Hotel, 123 Queen St. West, 6:30 p.m., Irene Geras, 586-8290

19-27 PASSOVER

19th - 1st Seder
20th - 2nd Seder

30 Adath Israel Sisterhood, **Rosalind Smith Memorial Lecture**, 37 Southbourne Ave., 8:00 p.m., Fay Estrin, 636-6442

MAY

7 B'nai Brith Women's Council of Toronto, **Bazaar - 89**, St. Lawrence Market, 92 Front St. East, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Shavie Fagan, 889-2999

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